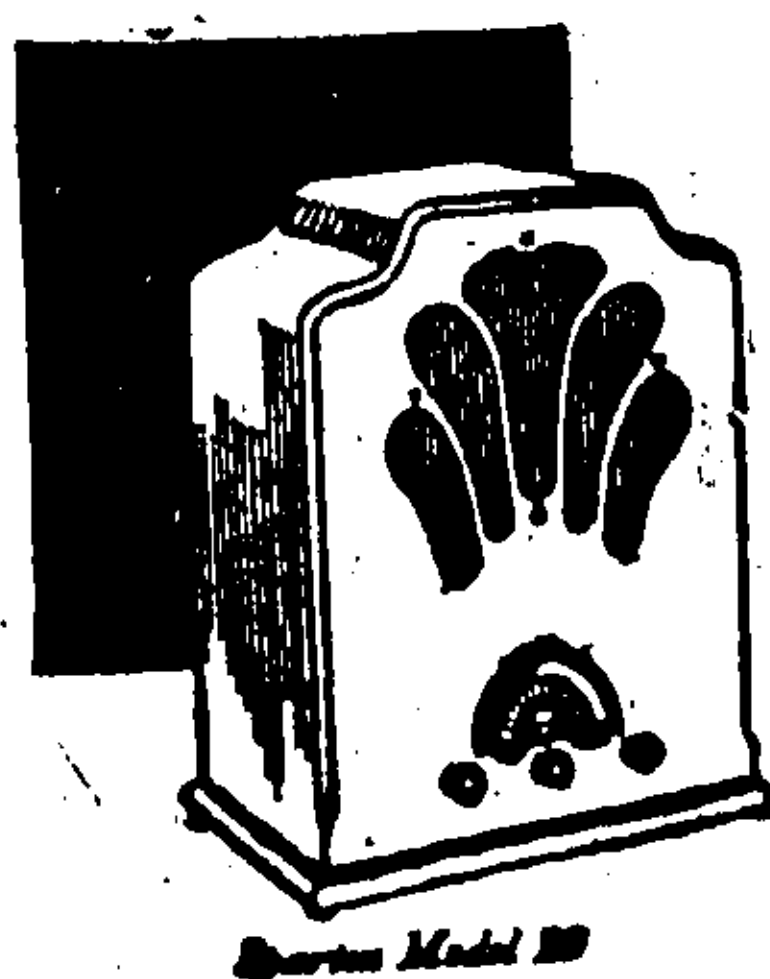




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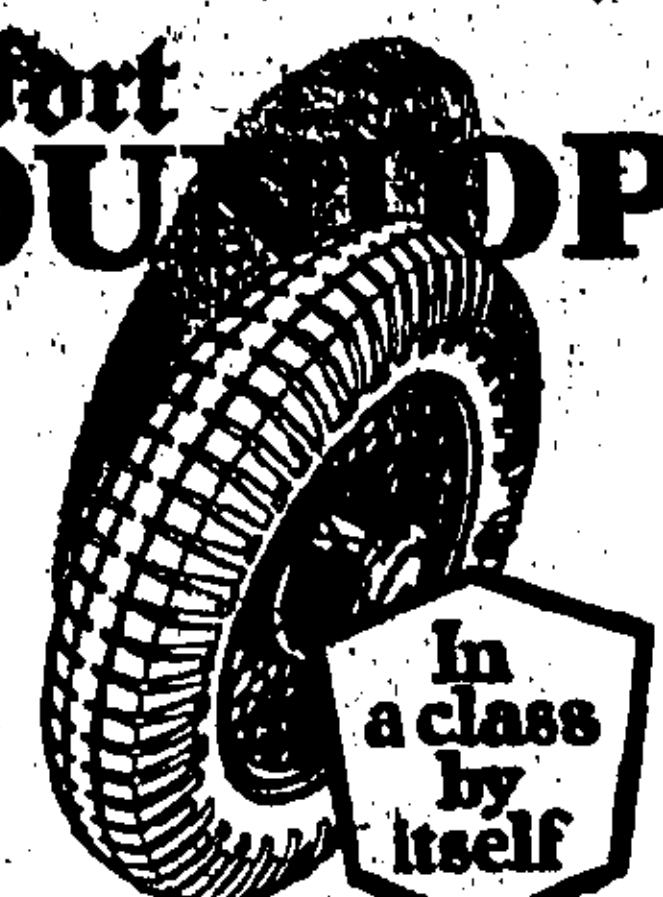
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THE MARSHAL REFUSES TO STAY OUT OF BED FOR RESULT.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Berlin, Yesterday.

Hindenburg has been re-elected with a comfortable majority.

Some Liveliness. A number of clashes between Communists and Nazis occurred during the night preceding the opening of the polling booths for the Presidential Election. One Communist was shot dead. Two hundred arrests were made, but the majority were subsequently released.

Quiet Polls.

Polling opened in dull weather, which was favourable to a heavy poll, as many people abandoned plans to spend the day in the country. As the morning wore on the only evidence that a vital election was progressing was the unusual number of people in the streets, which were littered with election pamphlets and polling tickets. Another million of votes re-

main still to be counted, so Hindenburg is, therefore, assured of an absolute majority.

Hindenburg Goes to Bed.

Hindenburg does not yet know that he has been elected, as he refused to stay up to learn the result which is to be given to him to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Polling Figures.

Polling figures counted up to 10 p.m. were:—
Hindenburg ... 18,526,100.
Hitler ... 12,541,000.
Thaemmann ... 3,466,000.
Official final figures will not be known till to-morrow. Unofficial figures are:—
Hindenburg ... 19,367,688.
Hitler ... 13,419,603.
Thaemmann ... 3,705,898.
— Reuter.

SCATHING DENUNCIATION.

Mr. J. R. Clynes Speaks Out.

LEAGUE & FAR EAST CRISIS.

London, Yesterday. A denunciation of those countries which, while condemning the Sino-Japanese dispute, supplied arms to the combatants was made to-day by Mr. Clynes speaking at Portsmouth. He expressed the opinion, that it would have been better if the League had given a straighter talk to the aggressor than some statesmen thought necessary. He hoped that the permanent body of the League would agree that, in future, no tenderness should be shown to any wrongdoer when the League was satisfied that wrong had been done. — Reuter.

DE VALERA'S ADVICE TO BRITISH STATESMEN.

London, Yesterday. Ireland is not a British colony. She is one of the oldest nations in the world, with all rights to nationhood. British statesmen must abandon their insane ambition to dominate the Irish.

Thus said Mr. De Valera in a speech at Ennis to-day to a crowd of six thousand, and so disposed of any hope of a change of his attitude. — Reuter.

CANTON'S FLYING HEROES.

Remains Brought Back For Interment.

Canton, Yesterday.

The interment of the remains of the two gallant Cantonese aviators, Flight-Captain Wong Yuk-chuen and Flight-Lieutenant Chao Po-min, will take place at the local Air Force Cemetery in the Shaho-suburb, according to the Canton Daily Sun.

The coffin containing the remains of Lieutenant Chao was brought back to Canton from Shanghai by steamer two days ago and that conveying the body of Capt. Wong reached here five days earlier.

These two gallant aviators were killed in action in Shanghai in an air battle fought with Japanese planes, which took place in the early part of the recent Sino-Japanese conflict.

His Young Widow.

Capt. Wong Yuk-chuen aged 28 received his aviation training in America. The saddest part of the tragedy is the fact that the late Captain leaves behind a young wife whom he married less than a month before he sacrificed his life for the country.

Lieutenant Chao Po-min aged 22 was a graduate of the Aviation School in Canton. Before he was transferred to Nanking, he served in the local air force as senior flying officer of the 6th squadron.

TRESPASSER CAUTIONED.

"It does not seem to be a serious case; I will caution you," said Mr. Fraser at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese assistant hawker, Chan Yuen-long, was charged with trespassing in Shamshuipo Police Station on Saturday afternoon. Defendant was found in the passage way outside the cells, and was talking to three men in one of the cells. On being questioned he said he came to speak to one of the prisoners.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR SOLDIER BURGLAR.

Found Asleep in a Peak Residence.

PREVIOUS CONVICTION.

Frank admission of guilt in answer to three charges, namely, breaking and entering No. 153, The Peak, on April 8; theft of a Falconer eight-day clock, the property of some person unknown; and giving false information when pledging the clock at the Yan Wo Pawnshop, Wanchai, were entered by William Howells, a private of the South Wales Borderers, when he appeared before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

"Pinched It."

His Worship queried the second charge, and Sub-Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods, for the prosecution, explained that, after the defendant was cautioned, he was asked to say how he came to possess the clock. He would only reply, "I pinched it."

Found Asleep.

Outlining the case, Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods said that in the evening of April 7, the Chinese caretaker of No. 153, The Peak, which is temporarily unoccupied, went on his usual rounds and saw that everything was locked up and safe. The next morning he telephoned to Mount Gough Police Station, as a result of which Police went to the house, and on going up to the first floor found Howells asleep on a bed. When questioned, defendant told the Police how he had gained entrance. He took off his hat and boots in the garden, and climbed a drainpipe to the first floor. With a hammer he broke two panes of glass.

Entering the premises, he made a thorough search for property, but being unable to find anything to steal, fell off to sleep, and was thus found by the caretaker. After defendant was cautioned, Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods proceeded to Victoria Barracks on Saturday afternoon, and searched Howells' kit. In his Bible he found two pawn tickets, one relating to the clock, and the other to an Army quilt and a pair of boots, but they did not proceed against him, with the latter.

The Hammer.

Regarding the hammer, the prosecuting officer told his Worship that Howells had told the Police that he picked it up from the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, where he had slept on Thursday night, after having set out for a walk to Aberdeen.

Previous Conviction.

A previous conviction against the defendant, showed that he had served four weeks, about two months ago, in connection with a burglary also on the Peak.

Lieut. Crewe-Read, S.W.A., in reply to his Worship, said:—"He had one conviction in March, 1929, by District Court Martial for desertion, and was sentenced to detention. Nothing else, your Worship."

The Magistrate (to Howells):—"Anything you wish to say, defendant?"

Defendant: "No, Sir."

Replying to another question by his Worship, the Officer ascertained from defendant that his service finishes in 1935.

The Sentence.

His Worship passed sentence as follows:—(a) three months' hard labour; (b) one month's hard labour; and (c) 20 or, in default, two weeks' hard labour. All terms to run consecutively.

HIGH ADVISERSHIP.

To the Chinese Government.

OFFERED TO SIR ROBERT HO TUNG.

A telegram from Mr. Wang Ching-wei, President of the Executive Yuan at Loyang, has been received by Sir Robert Ho Tung offering him the appointment of High Adviser-ship to the Chinese Government.

Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung left for Europe and England on the P. & O. s.s. Corfu on Saturday.

LOST AT SEA.

French Schooner Founders.

IN BAY OF BISCAY.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Paris, Yesterday.

The discovery of two empty lifeboats floating 130 miles off Brest, has aroused grave fears for the fate of the French schooner "Rouzie" which sank in a storm in the Bay of Biscay yesterday.

The British steamers "Armerata" and "Deerpool" picked up eight survivors, but so far there is no news of the remainder.

U.S. NATIONAL ECONOMY PROGRAMME.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Washington, Yesterday.

A national economy programme, designed to save between one hundred and sixty and two hundred and ten million dollars, has been tentatively agreed upon between President Hoover and the Economy Committee of the House of Representatives. They have been conferring at the White House. The figures do not include saving by consolidation of Government activities or reductions in appropriations.

EAST WINDS AND CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued to-day states:—The anti-cyclone is moving Eastwards, and is now central near Tokyo.

The depression remains over Tongking.

Forecast:—East winds, moderate, cloudy, fog, mist, or light rain.

Rainfall.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1—4.87 inches against an average of 7.78 inches—deficit 2.91 inches.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	69
Macao	70
Pratas Island	76
Manilla	72
Foochow	62
Amoy	61
Chefoo	48
Shanghai	54

MANCHUKUO GOVERNMENT REBUFFED.

China Refuses to Receive a Message.

DR. KOO'S STATUS.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is reported by the Kuo Min News Agency that the long-expected message was received from the Manchukuo Government this evening, refusing permission to Dr. Wellington Koo, the League Commission's Chinese Assessor, to enter Manchuria, on the grounds of the "non-existence of diplomatic relations between China and the Manchukuo Government."

It is stated that the Chinese Foreign Minister refused to receive the message and instructed the cable office to notify the sender to this effect.

It is also reported that Geneva was officially informed and a vigorous protest was lodged with Tokyo, declaring that the Japanese Government should be regarded as the real author of the message and should be held responsible for any hindrance placed in the way of the Commission in performing the task entrusted to them by the League.

NAVAL RELIEFS ARRIVE.

H.M.S. Vindictive Enters Harbour.

450 RATINGS.

H.M.S. Vindictive (Captain E. McC. W. Lawrie, D.S.O.), with relics on board for H.M.S. Midway and submarines, arrived from Home yesterday morning, but on account of heavy fog was unable to enter the harbour until 8.30 this morning, when she went alongside the Midway at the No. 2 buoy in the Naval anchorage.

Reliefs brought to Hong Kong by the Vindictive number over 450 ratings who boarded her at Portsmouth, when she left on February 16. In addition to the men for the China Station, the Vindictive took out with her a new crew for H.M.S. Triad, Senior Officer's ship on the Persian Gulf. The relieved crew of the Triad were taken on board the Vindictive as far as Colombo, where they were transferred to H.M.S. Berwick for passage Home.

The reliefs for the submarines are being disembarked during today, and those for H.M.S. Midway on Wednesday, after which the Vindictive will go into dock. She sails for Home on April 21 with the relieved crews and a few ratings from H.M.S. Tamar and other ships of the station who have completed terms of service here.

DEATH OF CHINESE POLICE SERGEANT.

Sgt. Hon Pan.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS' MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

The Hong Kong Police Force has sustained a great loss in the death of Sergeant Hon Pan, which occurred in Liu Po Village, Tung Kun District, yesterday. Deceased was on three weeks' extended sick leave, and was to have returned to duty to-day.

Hon Pan joined the Force on September 20, 1911, at the age of twenty years, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in February, 1929. He was regarded as one of the most intelligent members of the Chinese contingent, and was for a time connected with the Magistracy, in 1928.

He leaves a wife and four young children to survive his loss.

PIRACY RAMPANT ON SOOCHOW CREEK

MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN HELD FOR RANSOM

MUCH LOOT TAKEN

WELL ORGANISED WITH OFFICES AT WUSIEH AND ELSEWHERE.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Money, jewellery and merchandise, valued at \$600,000, has been stolen by Taihu Lake pirates in an unprecedented storm of piracy which has swept over Soochow Creek and other waterways near Shanghai in the past six weeks, according to an unofficial survey.

In addition to loot, the marauders have taken more than a score of persons, including children, and are holding them for ransom.

It is reported that all Governmental authority on these waterways has broken down, and consequently the conditions now prevailing are the worst in living memory.

On Wednesday, Chinese merchants, who had chartered a boat-train, lost \$300,000 in treasure and merchandise, when their bodyguards, armed with automatics and machineguns, capitulated to pirates without firing a shot.

So well organised are the pirates, at the present time, that they openly conduct offices at Wusieh and other inland towns to facilitate the sale of stolen property and the payment of ransom.

The pirates are said to have representatives in Shanghai who inform them of the movements of possible victims.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders for the Current Week.

Orders issued by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

Chinese Company.

Training Course—Part II.—All recruits will attend at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, on Tuesday, April 12 at 5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Thursday, April 14 at 5.40 p.m.

N.C.O.s. Class.—All N.C.O.s will attend the Chinese Company's Headquarters on Friday, April 15 at 4 p.m. for instruction under Mr. Paterson, P.P.T.S.

Indian Company.

Training Course—Part II.—All members who have not passed Part II of Training Course should attend at the Chinese Company's Sun.

Headquarters, 17, Queen's Road Central on Thursday, April 14 at 5.30 p.m.

Defendu Class.—The weekly defendu class will meet on Thursday, April 14 at 5.30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Central Police Station.

MENINGITIS IN CANTON.

An epidemic of meningitis has appeared in Canton since the beginning of the week. Four students of the Chi Hang School were reported to have contracted this dreadful disease. Several cases have also occurred amongst the convicts in prison, reports the Police Department.

The Bureau of Health is adopting the most drastic precautionary measure to check the disease from spreading in the city.

It is reported that the Bureau proposes to enforce quarantine regulations, requiring that steamers arriving from Macao should undergo a strict examination. — Canton Daily Sun.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

THE OPEN SINGLES FINAL.

Supporters of Rumjahn
Confident.

BUT FINCHER SHOULD WIN.

[By Base Line.]

After Fincher's very disappointing attempt to win the Singles title last year against C. A. L. Rumjahn, his supporters come to the conclusion that he lacked the big match temperament and the will to win. This year, however, Fincher has improved tremendously and his nerves have steadied down considerably, as witness his important match against Mrs. Wills-Moody, a game which required every ounce that he had. It is true that he proved disappointing in the interport match against Canton, but when taking into consideration the clay courts, to which he was unaccustomed, there was some excuse for his defeats.

His progress in this year's event has been very satisfactory. He received a fright from Tsui Yan-pui in the first set of the match, but recovered remarkably well to make that player look positively foolish. It was a great triumph for Fincher as Tsui is a player of no mean ability and in some quarters was expected to beat Fincher. In the match against Honda, Fincher was again outplayed in the first set, but he again staged a remarkable recovery to win comfortably. His weakness lies in his slowness to settle down to conditions and it may cost him the match to-day, as each game is going to be of the greatest importance.

Rumjahn is fortunate to be playing at all to-day, as he was at the mercy of Lo in the semi-final. His opponent then adopted the wrong tactics and threw away a glorious opportunity to reach the final. In the replay Rumjahn, however, fully restored the confidence placed in him by his supporters, and through his display has caused no small amount of anxiety in the Fincher camp. He is a player who, though beset with nerves, rises to the big occasion in the most convincing manner. Rumjahn has beaten both Leung Tak-wong and G. Bodiker, the Canton Interporters, though he has lost to Bodiker, but his recent victories will give him that confidence so essential for success in a final game.

Last year I favoured Fincher's chance against C. A. L. Rumjahn, and was badly disappointed. This year I will still pin my faith on him, despite one or two unimpressive displays.

How They Reached the Final.

E. C. Fincher.

First round, beat K. H. Wong 6-1, 6-0.

Second round, beat J. J. Barrow 6-2, 6-1.

Third round, beat F. Grose 6-1, 6-1.

Fourth round, beat Tsui Wai-pui 5-7, 6-2, 6-0.

Fifth round, beat Ho Ka-lau 6-4, 6-4.

Semi-final, beat T. Honda 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.

S. A. Rumjahn.

First round, bye.

Second round, beat H. N. Chau 6-2, 6-1.

Third round, beat Tsui Yun-pui 6-4, 6-1.

Fourth round, beat Yew Man-kit 6-1, 6-2.

Fifth round, beat J. A. E. Casambhoy 6-4, 6-4.

Semi-final, beat M. W. Lo 6-4, 6-4, 6-9, in a replay, having previously played an unfinished match with the score at 4-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF.

Harry Ewin Back
for Morris.

SHANGHAI RUGBY PRESIDENT.

A dinner in honour of the first and second elevens of the Indian Recreation Club was held in their pavilion at Sookunpoo on Saturday night. In winning the first and second league championships for two consecutive years the I.R.C. have established a record in local cricket.

Owing to the meningitis epidemic in Macao the officials of the Macao Jockey Club have decided to hold the Second Extra Race Meeting at Fanling, by courtesy of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, on Sunday.

Harry Ewin, ex-welterweight champion of the Colony, returned to Hong Kong yesterday on board the "H.K. Star".

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

FENCING—Hong Kong Fencing Club Meet at 5.15 p.m.

TENNIS—Open Singles Final.

TO-MORROW.

TENNIS—Open Doubles Final.

WEDNESDAY.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Club v. Borders at U.S.R.C. at 5.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL—H.K.F.A. Council Meeting.

FRIDAY.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. at H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m.

ATHLETICS—St. Joseph's College Sports at Caroline Hill at 1 p.m.; Royal Artillery Sports on Navy ground, King's Park.

TENNIS PROGRAMME.

TO-DAY.

Open Singles Final.

E. C. Fincher v. S. A. Rumjahn (Stand Court, 4.30 p.m.)

Handicap Singles "A".

(Final.)

S. E. Green v. H. Foley.

Handicap Singles "B".

(Semi-final.)

S. Jensen v. H. Lampard.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

(Semi-final.)

Grimble and Miss R. Hancock v. Col. and Mrs. Lecky.

TO-MORROW.

Open Doubles Final.

E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court, 4.30 p.m.)

Handicap Doubles.

Lecky and Waite v. Ride and Harkins.

Finals of the Handicap Mixed Doubles and Handicap Singles "B".

WEDNESDAY.

Handicap Doubles.

Lampard and Clarke v. D. S. and S. E. Green and Roger and Rodger.

Sewell and Wright v. Lecky and Waite or Ride and Harkins.

THURSDAY.

Final of the Handicap Doubles.

H.M.S. Vindictive for another term on the China Station. "Stinnie" Morris is the present holder, but a return fight is bound to materialise when conditions again return to normal.

On the K.C.C. ground yesterday the Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the Hong Kong Football Club by six runs. The feature of the match was a determined innings of 45 not out by J. E. Potter for the Hong Kong Football Club. Early in the match Potter had his lip cut by a rising ball while keeping wicket and was forced to retire for medical attention. D. McLellan and E. R. A. Holland skilted out the strong K.C.C. batting side for a paltry 91 runs.

The Sixteenth Annual Sports Meeting of the St. Joseph's College will be held on the Caroline Hill ground on Saturday commencing at 1 p.m.

A special tribute in the nature of a presentation to the President of the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club was paid at the annual dinner of the Shanghai Club. Mr. A. W. Burkill, who has acted as President of the Club for the past 25 years, was the recipient of a silver and cut glass decanter set from the members of the Club which was presented by Mr. C. D. Wales. This presentation was only one of the features of the evening at which Brig-Gen. Fleming and Col. Richard Hooker were present in addition to members of the rugby clubs which had participated in the fixtures during the past year.

At Twickenham the Army easily beat the Air Force in the final of the Services Rugby Championship. Although without their international players, Kendrew and Vaughan Jones, the Army never were in danger, and in the end they won by 21 points to 4.

On the Caroline Hill ground yesterday the Radio Sports Club hockey eleven defeated the Royal Air Force by three goals to two after crossing over at one goal-all. It was a very even game in which Gurbachan Singh (2) and J. T. K. Gilchrist scored for the Radio and Gulliver (2) for the Air Force.

CHARITY FOOTBALL AT CAROLINE HILL.

S.C.A.A. Honour Gen.
Tam Kai-shau.

GALA DAY.

The South China Athletic Association staged a gala day at Caroline Hill yesterday in honour of General Tam Kai-shau, the gallant defender of the Woosung Forts.

The General was met on his arrival by Mr. Luke, Chairman of the S.C.A.A., and a guard of honour from the 8th Hong Kong (S.C.A.A.) Troop under Scoutmaster Cheung Man-kun.

The S.C.A.A. were "At Home" to their friends during the afternoon, tea being provided in the Club pavilion. The Chung Sing band played selections on the field before the kick-off and during the interval.

The charity association game was organised to swell the fund being raised locally towards the relief of the Shanghai refugees.

South China Win.

The Navy were the first to score when Stevens fastened on to a lob from Skinner and beat Wong easily. A solo effort soon after saw Rawson go through the defence and beat Wong to place the Navy further ahead. Before the interval, however, the Chinese reduced the arrears as the result of a shly on the part of one of the naval defenders, who deflected a shot into his own net.

In the second half Chen equalised from a centre from Lee and the Chinese should have gone ahead when awarded a penalty, but Fung cleared the bar with his shot. Lee, however, placed China ahead when Ip sent in a beautiful centre from a corner kick.

Result:—

South China 3

Royal Navy 2

South China:—Wong Ki-leung; Li Tin-sang, Tam Tong-pak, Leung Wing-chiu, Wong Mee-shun, Leung Wing-chai; Chen Shui-hong, Chui Kwok-luen, Fung King-cheung, Lai Wai-tong and Ip Pak-wa.

Royal Navy:—Kinchin; Gilbert, Stephens; Palmer, Shirras, Ashman; Robinson, Stevens, Blaid, Rawson, and Skinner.

Referee, R. P. O. Darlington.

Medals for Teams.

At the conclusion of the game, the players were presented by General Tam Kai-shau with a silver medal. Miss Luke then handed to the General a bouquet in a silver holder. The General, in a short speech, thanked South China A.A. for the honour they had done him in inviting him to make the presentations. He thanked all in Hong Kong who were helping to raise funds for the Shanghai refugees.



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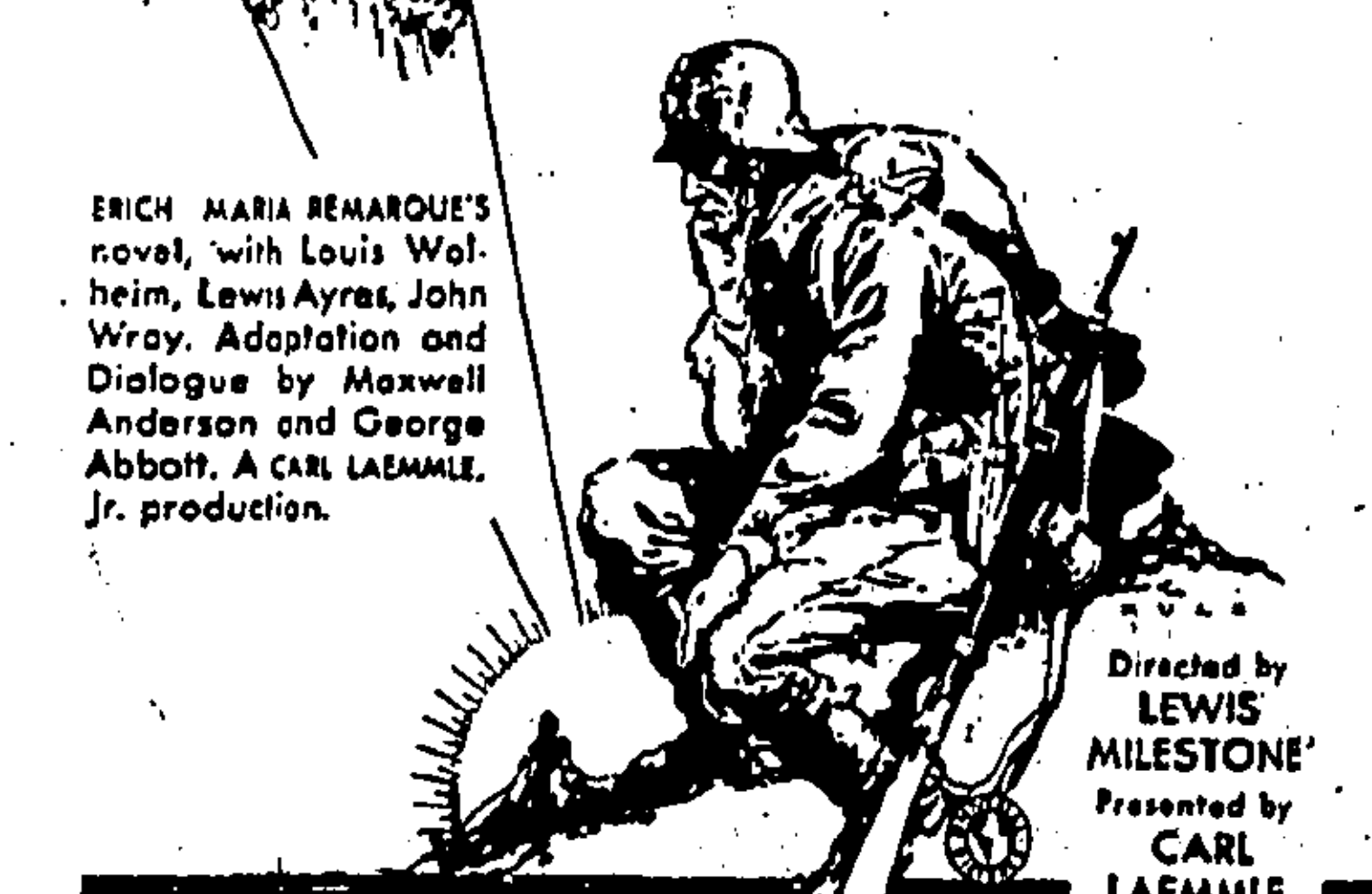
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SATURDAY'S SPORT IN BRIEF

Cricket.

LEAGUE I.

At Sokunpo the Champions (I.R.C.) defeated the Rest by 91 runs.

Scores:—

Indian R.C.	
S. R. Kermah, b Anderson	21
S. A. Ismail, c Anderson, b Beck	11
A. H. Rumjahn, c Capt. Burnett, b Richardson	48
A. H. Madar, not out	82
F. D. Pereira, c Beck, b Richardson	10
A. R. Minu, c Lee, b McLellan	0
Extras (B21, LB2, WBI, NB2)	26

Total (for 5 wks.) 198
A. K. Minu, H. D. Rumjahn, O. Ismail, and I. S. A. Curreen did not bat.

Fall of wickets:—1 for 23, 2 for 71, 3 for 159, 4 for 160, 5 for 163.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Beck	14	2	33
G. C. Burnett	9	3	23
Richardson	11	1	45
Lee	3	0	16
McLellan	5	0	30
Anderson	7	1	25

The Rest.

J. E. Richardson, b Minu	26
D. J. N. Anderson, b Pereira	0
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Minu	4
L. T. Ride, c S. A. Ismail, b Minu	1
E. Zimmer, c Curreen, b Pereira	8
A. G. Beck, b Minu	20
G. R. Sayer, c H. D. Rumjahn, b Madar	9
D. McLellan, lbw, b Madar	2
Capt. Burnett, not out	20
R. Lee, c S. A. Ismail, b Madar	0
G. C. Burnett, st. S. A. Ismail, b Pereira	2
Extras (B12, WB3)	15

Total 107
Fall of wickets:—1 for 7, 2 for 12, 3 for 30, 4 for 37, 5 for 66, 6 for 80, 7 for 82, 8 for 84, 9 for 84, 10 for 107.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Pereira	12.4	4	30
A. R. Minu	11	2	33
A. A. Rumjahn	4	0	24
Madar	4	2	5

LEAGUE II.

On the C.S.C.C. ground the Rest defeated the Champions (I.R.C.) by eight wickets.

Scores:—

I. R. C.	
M. P. Madar, b Meehan	1
S. Ismail, run out	1
A. R. Suffad, b Ronan	6
A. S. Suffad, b Randle	21
A. R. Abbas, run out	31
F. M. el Arculli, c Prata, b Meehan	40
N. Nazarin, run out	13
A. M. Rumjahn, b Meehan	1
A. K. Ismail, not out	7
M. el Arculli, b Ronan	5
M. R. Abbas, c Meehan, b Ronan	0
Extras (B5, L.B.4)	9

Total 135
Fall of wickets:—1 for 1, 2 for 3, 3 for 20, 4 for 46, 5 for 104, 6 for 104, 7 for 105, 8 for 120, 9 for 130, 10 for 135.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	10	3	20
Meehan	9	4	13
Ronan	9.2	3	47
Randle	2	0	19
Prata	5	0	14
Kilbee	1	0	13

The Rest.

F. S. W. Smith, not out	86
Cpl. Meehan, b Rumjahn	15
F. E. Lawrence, c A. S. Suffad, b Rumjahn	39
J. W. Leonard, not out	8
Extra (W.B. 1)	1

Total (for 2 wks.) 149
Fall of wickets:—1 for 39, 2 for 118.

A. Prata, H. E. Strange, S. Randle, C. E. R. Clarabut, L. D. Kilbee, T. R. Hunter and Pte. Ronan did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. el Arculli	12	2	35
A. M. Rumjahn	12	2	52
A. R. Abbas	9	12	9
A. R. Suffad	0	11	0
A. R. Ismail	3	1	7
M. el Arculli	3	1	8
A. S. Suffad	2	0	13

FRIENDLY.

On the H.K.C.C. ground the staff of Butterfield & Swire drew with the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank.

B. & S.: 210 for 4 dec. (R. H. Dowler 102 not out).
H.K. & S. Bank: 150 for 9 (E. W. Stagg 61 not out, L. A. Whipples 6 for 63).

Football.

First Division.

Borderers 1 Club	
Navy	12 9 2 1 30 14 20
Borderers	13 0 4 3 31 30 15
Kowloon	14 7 2 5 33 23 16
Argylls	9 6 2 1 23 7 14
Police	13 5 3 5 23 20 13
Club	13 4 4 5 26 26 12
Recreio	11 1 1 9 8 28 3
St. Joseph's	11 1 0 10 17 53 2

Second Division.

R.A.O.C. 3 Argylls	
Borderers	14 11 0 3 53 17 22
Argylls	12 10 0 2 36 9 20
Navy	12 8 1 3 30 16 17
12th Battery	11 6 1 4 42 16 13
R.A.O.C.	12 5 0 7 30 31 10
Kowloon	14 4 1 9 25 43 9
Club	13 3 1 9 51 51 7
University	10 0 0 10 12 58 0

Hockey.

Radio	1 H.M.S. Bruce	0
K'loon Ladies' 2	Y.M.C.A.	2

Racing.

Race 1.	
No. 327	\$1,033.20
" 115	295.20
" 349	147.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),	
Nos.: 245, 413, 410, 356.	
Race 2.	
No. 58	\$991.20
" 409	283.20
" 256	141.60
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),	
Nos.: 349, 69, 381, 223, 510, 482,	
145, 365, 477, 86, 352, 338, 27, 24.	
Race 3.	
No. 285	\$1,160.60
" 55	331.60
" 266	165.80
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),	
Nos.: 105, 182, 184, 95, 300, 39, 478,	
394, 250, 85, 269, 248, 3, 321, 292,	
193, 571.	

YACHTING

MENAGERIE RACE.

Under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the Menagerie Race was sailed on Saturday, the course being:—Channel Rocks (S), Mark Boat Quarry Bay (S), Mark on Line (S), Kowloon Rocks (S), Mark on Line (S), Rumsey Shoal (P). Distance: 8.3 miles.

"H" & "C" Class.

(Started at 2.45 p.m.)

Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Rolla (Mr. R. Stock)		4.05.42	4.05.52	2
Norena (Capt. Krogh Moe)		4.04.22	4.04.22	3
*Dorothea (Mr. Hyde)		4.07.18	3.57.37	—
Colleen (Mr. S. Odling)		4.08.26	3.58.45	1
Wendy (Miss Patchet)		Did not finish		—

"T" & "Y" Class.

(Started at 2.50 p.m.)

Yacht	Sailed by	Finished	Corrected	Position
Daphne (Miss M. Stokes)		4.23.21	4.23.21	3
Ailsa (Major Lochner)		4.24.16	4.24.16	4
Jessamine (Sq. Ldg. Alford)		4.25.23	4.25.41	8
Why Wonder (Capt. Fowkes)		4.24.59	4.24.17	—
Wings (Capt. Malone)		4.25.15	4.24.33	—
Bluejacket (Major Barry)		4.22.41	4.21.59	—
Speedwell (Major Stewart)		4.22.13	4.21.31	—
Adanac (Comdr. A. H. Walker)		4.25.39	4.24.57	—

Race 4.	
No. 623	\$1,614.20
" 466	345.90
" 38	345.90

*Dead heat.
Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
Nos.: 13, 399, 581, 387, 116.

Race 5.	
No. 415	\$1,610.00
" 9	460.00
" 376	230.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
Nos.: 131, 184, 474, 392, 217, 19, 16,
291, 34, 643.

Race 6.	
No. 37	\$3,239.60
" 300	925.60
" 635	462.80

Unplaced runners (\$100 each),
Nos.: 425, 280, 72, 496, 225.

Race 7.	
No. 594	\$1,965.60
" 271	561.60
" 24	280.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
Nos.: 621, 624, 663, 51, 214, 499,
662, 633.

Race 8.	
No. 751	\$1,820.00
" 158	520.00
" 126	260.00

Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
Nos.: 686, 472, 696, 533, 167, 583,
792, 235, 331, 416, 719, 101.

Race 9.	
No. 357	\$1,923.60
" 285	549.60
" 29	274.80

Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
Nos.: 421, 606, 98, 733, 598, 81,
488, 211.

Race 10.	
No. 281	\$2,199.40
" 773	628.40
" 817	314.20

Unplaced runners (\$50 each),
Nos.: 904, 102, 847, 147, 624, 58,
209, 710, 36, 255, 420.

YORKSHIRE'S CHARM.

["The Spell of Yorkshire," by J. Cuming Walters. (Methuen, 8s. 6d.)]

Mr. Cuming Walters has done well to write this book, which might, with advantage, have been twice as long. The author has not written for the formal traveller, but for the lover of places with literary and historical associations, and, — Yorkshire is so large a county, he has exercised his powers of selection in order to keep the book within reasonable limits.

There is an excellent chapter on Haworth and the Brontës, and the literary records of the county have been thoroughly ransacked. There are certain errors of historical fact. Princess Mary went to live at Goldborough Hall after her marriage, and not at Harewood House.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING POSITION.

Chamber of Shipping's Annual Report.

INTERESTING FACTS.

Confirmation of the views of those who believe that the industrial situation of Britain has yet to become worse before it improves as well as of those who hold that the tide has already turned, can equally be obtained from the recently issued annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom.

If this appears paradoxical, it must be remembered that optimism and pessimism are both states of mind, rather than realities, and, depending as they do on the biological state of the individual, not to speak of other less definable qualities, can be engendered by the same set of facts.

Pessimist's View Point.

Examining the report from the point of view of the pessimist, we find that, notwithstanding a 10 per cent. increase in the population, the volume of world trade was only 20 per cent. higher in 1923 than in 1914, and has since fallen off so much that it is doubtful whether it now exceeds the pre-war figure.

Nevertheless, the world tonnage of ships, at the end of June, 1931, was 51 per cent. in excess of the figure on the corresponding date in 1914, a condition which is held to be due to the practice adopted in many countries of building and running ships at the expense of the taxpayer. This practice, it is added, is not only the most serious menace which the industry has to face to-day, but has largely defeated its own object, since subsidised ships are suffering as much from the glut of tonnage as are the unsubsidised.

Britain Not To Blame.

Great Britain, however, not having indulged in this form of State activity, is not to blame for this, as will be gathered from the statement that while her steam and motor tonnage has risen by only 7 per cent. since 1914, that of the United States has increased by 41 per cent., the corresponding figures for Portugal, Japan and Italy being 178, 150, and 129 per cent., respectively.

The one country whose tonnage was less in 1931 than it was in 1914, is Germany. On the other hand, since 1920 her relative figure has increased by no less than 531 per cent., owing to the strenuous efforts she has made to replace her war losses. In a word, the world now possesses three ships to do the work of two.

Moreover, the movement of shipping in United Kingdom ports is no more than before the war, and, taking a group of seven maritime countries, about 26 per cent. more voyages were made to carry the same amount of cargo as was handled 18 years ago.

Comparison With 1920.

It is, therefore, hardly surprising that, while in 1920 the activities of British shipping wiped out the adverse balance of visible trade, in 1931 they only equalled one-fifth of the amount required for that purpose. As, moreover, the proportion of imports not covered by exports increased from 31 per cent. in 1929 to 39 per cent. in 1931, the need for this invisible support from shipping is all the more urgent.

That they did not receive this support is shown by the fact that while, in the same period, imports fell by 30 per cent., exports decreased by 40 per cent. It is obvious that to reduce the trade balance, it is necessary to increase exports or to reduce imports, and that to restore trade prosperity exports, including invisible exports, must be stimulated.

Trade Barriers Must Be Removed.

To do this, as the Chamber has wisely reminded the Government, trade barriers must be removed, and in framing tariffs full credit should, therefore, be given to those countries which buy our own visible and invisible exports.

In the necessary revision of treaties, moreover, the principle of reciprocity should be substituted for most favoured nation treatment. The adoption of such a policy would, of course, be as valuable generally as to shipping alone, for, while the latter draws its prosperity from both outward and inward freight, its well-being is closely bound up with that of industry as a whole, or which an increase of exports must have a decidedly tonic effect.

In fact, what is really required is an increase in trade generally,

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, APRIL 11.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsinan
TUESDAY, APRIL 12.	
Saloon	Porthos
Japan	Talamba
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	General Metzinger
(London, March 21)	Changto
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.	
Shanghai	Gange
THURSDAY, APRIL 14.	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., March 26)	Empress of Russia
FRIDAY, APRIL 15.	
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, March 17)	Hong Hwa
SATURDAY, APRIL 16.	
Japan and Shanghai	Asama Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 18)	President Hayes
SUNDAY, APRIL 17.	
Japan and Shanghai	Helan Maru
MONDAY, APRIL 18.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 26)	President Jackson
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, APRIL 11.	
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong, So 4 p.m.
Saloon	Halldor 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 12.	
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	Tilbadak 9.30 a.m.
Saloon and *Europe via Marseilles	General Metzinger (Due Marseilles, May 14.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration Apr. 12, 10 a.m.	Registration Apr. 12, 1.15 p.m.
Letters Apr. 12, 1 p.m.	Letters Apr. 12, 2 p.m.
Hollo	Glaucus 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tonkin 1.30 p.m.
*Shanghai and *Japan	Porthos 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	President Hoover (Due San Francisco, May 3 and *Europe via Siberia.)
	Parcels Apr. 12, 3 p.m.
	Registration Apr. 12, 3.45 p.m.
	Letters Apr. 12, 4.30 p.m.
	Halvard 4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.	
Swatow	Chak Sang 8.30 a.m.
*Straits & *Europe via Marseilles	Patroclus (Due Marseilles, May 12.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration Apr. 13, 9 a.m.	Registration Apr. 13, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Apr. 13, 10 a.m.	Letters Apr. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Brindisi	Gange (Due Brindisi, May 5.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration Apr. 13, 3 p.m.	Registration Apr. 13, 3.45 p.m.
Letters Apr. 13, 4 p.m.	Letters Apr. 13, 4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 14.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba
	Parcels Apr. 14, 4 p.m.
	Letters Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
	Empress of Russia 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 15.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	President Cleveland (Due Victoria, B.C., May 3.)
	Parcels Apr. 15, 3 p.m.
	Registration Apr. 15, 3.45 p.m.
	Letters Apr. 15, 4.15 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Cleveland
	Registration Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
	Letters Apr. 15, 5.30 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 16.	
Haiphong	Canton 2.30 p.m.
Manila	President Hayes 5 p.m.
Amoy	K

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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Monday, April 11, 1932.

The Newer Snobbery.

There is a tradition about old soldiers. Of them it is said, they never die but only fade away. So also may it be said of snobs. They eventually turn up in other disguise. In the last decade or so, the old fanatical reverence for rank and riches has slumped; and there was a time, in that period, when there existed the possibility of the snob becoming, as the dodo, extinct. The snob, however, is as alive to-day as yesterday; and, as long as the instinct to venerate some special quality and then claim a personal share of it is dear to the human heart, the snob, like the proverbial poor, will always be with us. No one sex is more prone to the infection of snobbery than the other. There are as many snobbish men as there are snobbish women. The snob's essential quality is an attitude of unreasonable reverence. But, when that attitude begins to be aped, more and more, by all and sundry—that is, when that attitude spreads as, for example, ink dropped drop by drop on to a piece of blotting paper, and saturation point is reached or nearly reached, then that attitude ceases to be snobbery and the snob, in self-preservation, abandons that attitude and either replaces it with an attitude directly contrary or directs it in some other direction.

When fanatical reverence for rank and riches slumped, snobs did not adopt a directly contrary attitude but replaced it with an attitude directed to the modern religion of Beauty and Art. This is the newer snobbery, and it is just as fierce and just as insincere as the old brand. As a writer puts it:

"It, no longer matters, apparently, if we know the Right People or the Right Places. It is ever possible to make a special parade of not doing so, and get away with it—as long as we admire the Right Things. But to be insensitive to Beauty is simply not done."

The difficulty, however, is to know what the right things are, particularly in modern art, where the standards are not yet conveniently fixed. But leave the modern snob alone to get over that difficulty. It has been successfully accomplished. The modern snob sees more "in the colour-facts or tone-planes" of any form of new art than other people have yet discovered. But this is true not only of modern art. Snobs adopt similar attitudes to conversation and behaviour. There are catch-phrases—not idioms—that it is the thing to use in countless drawing-rooms and where two or three may be gathered together. Again, there are standards of behaviour to which we must, or must not, conform. Reference, of course, is being made to those standards of behaviour which may be styled "unreasonable." There are so many things, for neither rhyme nor reason, that simply must not be done.

There, however, is something admirable about a snobbishness which can flower into splendid imaginative effort at times. And so, to-day, until snobbery turns elsewhere, we must all, if we want to be in the swim, repeat the latest catch-phrases, refrain from doing the things that are simply not done, and admire the things that snobs admire and admire them in the way snobs admire them.

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with the Commission or the Commission will not enter. The Manchukuo Government must think again. Should it attempt to peralst with its present unreasonable, if not ridiculous, decision, the responsibility for what follows will be upon its head. Maybe, it can be made to see reason.

HONG KONG PHILANTHROPIST'S GIFT.

To Shanghai Red Cross Hospital.

In response to an appeal for a portable X-ray set, from the Shanghai Red Cross Hospital, and through the energetic efforts of Drs. C. K. Ma, and T. C. Wong, Mr. Fung Manter has generously given the necessary donation to the Hong Kong Chinese Medical Practitioners Organisation for that purpose. The X-ray set will be delivered in Shanghai through Messrs. Schmidt & Co. for immediate use.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 67. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 97 and at 4 p.m. 93.

Three cases of small-pox, one of diphtheria, three of enteric fever, and eight of meningitis were reported over the week-end.

A letter dated April 9 and signed "Mit Green" has been received. We would ask the writer to acquaint us with his full name and address.

Members of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association are holding their annual dinner in the Queen's College Hall next Saturday (April 16) at 8 p.m.

The Kailan Mining Administration informs us that the total of the Administration's mines for the week ended March 26, 1932 amounted to 109,622 metric tons, and the sales during the period to 97,464 metric tons.

The Committee and Members of the Club Lusitano have very kindly offered the use of the Club for a Bridge and Mahjong Drive on Wednesday, April 27 at 3 p.m. in aid of the fund for building a Guide Headquarters Hut.

Another case of alleged poisoning after eating sweetmeats occurred yesterday, according to Police reports, the victim being Lau Chun-foi, (43), of 88 Leichikok Road. He was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital from the Shamshuipo Police Station.

Thrills and shooting scenes in plenty are packed into "Billy the Kid" now showing at the Star Theatre. A story of the Pecon County, the scenery is grand, and many well known screen favourites are in the cast, including John Mack Brown, Wallace Beery, Kay Johnson, Karl Dane and Wyndham Standing. A picture that is well worth seeing.

Personal Par.

The death occurred at Home, on Saturday, of Mr. Arthur Lyman Macgowan, a director of Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd. Born in Amy, Mr. Macgowan was 63 years of age at the time of his death, and had spent 40 years of his life in China. He was the son of the Rev. J. Macgowan of Amy, and was the author of "Sidelights on Chinese Life." In his younger days Mr. Macgowan was a good sportsman and a particularly good tennis player. He went Home last May in retirement and settled down in Cheltenham.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of April 11, 1922.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 9/10. Hong Kong has lost one of its oldest residents by the death early this morning of Mrs. Seth, widow of Mr. Aratoon Seth, I.B.O. who for many years acted as Registrar of the Supreme Court. Mrs. Seth, who was born in Singapore, was about 70 years old. She had been married to Mr. Seth for 19 years, and he died there last year in the harbour on the s.s. Tibbadeak, and when she eventually landed here

Striking Character Study.

THE TRAGEDY OF MARC ANTONY

A SWAGGERING HERO WHO REFUSED TO GROW UP.

His Love of Buffoonery and Show.

(By Arthur Weigall.)

In spite of his many failings—perhaps because of them—Marc Antony remains one of the most lovable figures in History. Greedy of power, fickle and dissolute in his pleasures, ruthless in battle or civil strife, yet ever loyal in duty and outstandingly humane in a savage age, sometimes hero, sometimes buffoon—such was this man who claimed descent from Hercules. Tragedy was ever lurking in the shadows from his birth to the day fifty-three years later when he plunged his sword into his own body. His two grandfathers had been murdered; his childhood witnessed the reign of terror under Sulla after the death of Marius; Caesar's murder rang up the curtain upon the tragedy of his own rise, decline, and fall.

Puck and Peter Pan. In "Marc Antony" (Thornton Butterworth, 21s.) Mr. Arthur Weigall once again clothes the bones of history with entities of flesh and blood whose actions are as vivid and understandable as if they had died but yesterday. It is a rare gift, which Mr. Weigall has developed to a striking degree. Antony attracts because he is so very human. There is in him something of Puck, something of Peter Pan—he simply refuses to grow up, he is utterly irresponsible. Take, for instance, one glimpse of him—now thirty-nine years old, a war-scarred cavalry veteran, Consul and right-hand man of Caesar, officiating as high priest at the annual feast of the Lupercalia.

Antony, having fortified himself with liberal potations of wine, presented himself at the place of sacrifice stark naked, except for the slip of goat-skin around his loins, and rather drunk. The people laughed and clapped their hands to see their Consul thus un-acting the time-honoured role, and when, having been "blooded" and handed the *febris*, he pranced away into the crowd, the women ran merrily forward to receive from him one of those jovial blows he was delivering to right and left and incidentally to admire his splendid physique. Here and there, however, a man or matron of the old school turned away in pained disapproval; and amongst these was Cleopatra, who asked what could be more shameful than this foolery and this nakedness, and declared that Antony, even if he were Priest of Lupercus, ought not to have forgotten that he was Consul too.

Caesar's "Crown." And yet it was this same Antony who, at the height of this buffooning, cleverly seized an opportunity to test the sentiments of Caesar and the populace as to a monarchy. Seeing a royal diadem of bay, he laughingly proffered it to Caesar, haranguing him upon the deeds of bygone Consuls. Some cheered, others shouted disapproval. Antony's words and the crowd's lack of unanimity, we are told, humbled and alarmed Caesar. Antony called upon all present to witness that Caesar had refused a crown—and so checked his leader's aspirations to kingship. There was a musical comedy at

her husband had already passed away. The deepest sympathy will be felt for her and her four daughters in their bereavement. Mr. Taylor, who was 61 years of age, was an Associate of the Society of Designers and came out to the East many years ago. He had wide experience of artistic work in China, and joined Arts and Crafts early in its history. In Hong Kong he was responsible for the whole of the interior decoration of the Peninsula Hotel, and evidence of his artistic taste is also to be found in the ball room of the Majestic Hotel in Shanghai.

The Finnish Athletic Association has presented the annual gold medal by unanimous decision of the jury to the famous runner, Nirmal. This makes the fourth consecutive honour which has been bestowed on Nirmal.

OBITUARY.

Death Here of Mr. A. L. Taylor.

OF ARTS & CRAFTS.

Mr. A. L. Taylor, Director and Secretary of Arts and Crafts, Ltd., died at the Way Memorial Nursing Home yesterday afternoon. He was admitted to the Hospital last Tuesday suffering from pleurisy, and pneumonia, supervening with fatal result. Mr. Taylor had been in the Colony for only about ten days, having come here on a business trip. Following his illness, Mr. Taylor was summoned from Shanghai, and the tragic part was that he was held up by fog outside the harbour on the s.s. Tibbadeak, and when she eventually landed here

Retrenchment Commission's Recommendations Harbour Department Over-Staffed and To-day Uneconomical

Inadequate Scale of Fees for Ship Surveys

Instalment II.

The staff of the Harbour Department, particularly as regards the Europeans, has grown considerably within the last five years, and whilst the Commissioners fully recognize the desirability of efficiency, they also realise that there is a point where efficiency becomes uneconomical, and in their opinion this point has been passed. There is moreover the danger that too rigorous regulations may discourage shipping from using the port.

2.—The executive of the department consists of the Harbour Master, the Deputy Harbour Master and Assistant Harbour Master. Prior to 1925 there was a Harbour Master and Assistant Harbour Master. The Commissioners are not satisfied that the posts of both Deputy and Assistant Harbour Master are necessary, and they recommend that they be re-amalgamated into one post; leave requirements notwithstanding. The Harbour Master should be relieved of a certain amount of work by the transference to the Public Court of all non-technical cases, which at present come before him as Marine Magistrate.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 2.—The hearing of non-technical cases by the Harbour Master takes on an average ten to fifteen minutes a day. To transfer these cases to the Central Magistracy would not therefore do much to lighten the work of the Harbour Master. But even apart from this consideration Government is not prepared to put back the clock to the extent that would result from a reduction of three to two executive officers. The reason for the increase in 1925 from two to three was that two officers were insufficient. It is only necessary to call to mind the unsatisfactory arrangement whereby an Assistant Superintendent of Police, the Magistrate's Clerk, or an officer borrowed from the Royal Navy, performed the duty of Assistant Harbour Master during the absence on leave of either the Harbour Master or Assistant Harbour Master, to realise what a retrograde step it would be to revert to an executive staff of two. Moreover subsequently to 1925 the Harbour Master has had assigned to him the duties of Director of Air Services, which already involve a considerable amount of work. This work will tend to increase year by year. It is understood that the Harbour Master was not questioned as to the work performed by his two Assistants.

3.—In 1923 there were in all twenty three clerks, none of whom were European. In 1931 the authorised establishment consists of five European clerks, one stenographer and thirty-five clerks and shroffs. Such a large increase is not in the opinion of the Commissioners justified. Of the five Europeans two are in the Harbour Office proper, one in the Government Marine Surveyors' Office, one in the Shipping Office, and one vacant post. The Commissioners consider that the stenographer is unnecessary and that one European clerk in the Harbour Office and one in the Government Marine Surveyors' Office, making a total of two European clerks, to be quite sufficient for the work to be done. Reductions should also be made in the Junior Clerical Staff. This will be reported on generally elsewhere.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 3.—With the gradual increase in the size of the department and the greater amounts collected in fees, it was found that the work of accountant and office assistant was too much for one officer, and in 1923 the Treasurer ministered "in my opinion the Accounts branch of the Harbour Office is so large and important that a European Accountant is necessary." As a

result the combined post was divided into two separate posts. There is a third European clerk in the Clearance Office. It is considered desirable to have a European in this office to deal with European masters and agents entering and clearing their ships. The officer in question is a Probationer on the scale \$1,200 to \$1,560 per annum. There is also a European clerk in the Government Marine Surveyors' Office, the work of which has increased considerably. The stenographer is considered necessary for the handling of the confidential work of the head office, in addition to taking notes of meetings, etc. Government does not consider it possible to reduce the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff in the Harbour Department below this establishment of five, without undue sacrifice of efficiency.

4.—The Harbour Master gave it in evidence that the increase in 1930 in the number of Boarding Officers from five to seven was made, not at his request, but at the instance of the River Steamers' Commission. It is recommended that the number of five be reverted to.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 4.—Government and itself unable to agree with the Commissioners. As a result of the appointment of the two additional Boarding Officers there has been a great improvement in the matter of overloading of ships. To jettison this work just when it is beginning to have a good effect would be unwise. Nevertheless, in order to meet the views of the Commission so far as possible, on the occurrence of a vacancy in any of the seven posts it will be left unfilled, until it can be seen whether or not an appreciable decline in efficiency results.

5.—A table is attached showing the amount collected in licence fees for junks and cargo boats and the number of inspectors in each of the past ten years. To justify the increases in the number of inspectors in 1926 and 1927 it was claimed that the appointment of these in-

spectors would more than pay for their salaries. The figures do not seem to bear out this claim. It was explained in evidence that had not the number of inspectors been augmented the revenue would have dropped, owing to there being fewer large vessels in the waters of the Colony, and that the collection of fees from sampans and small craft was laborious and expensive. The Commissioners consider that the infliction of severe penalties, such as confiscation of the offending owner's craft, for non-payment of licence fees would lead to more prompt payment of fees, and so relieve the work of the inspectorate in rounding up defaulters. In any case the post of Chief Assistant Inspector should be abolished.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 5.—The table attached to the Report shows that during the period 1921-1929, revenue, in respect of junks and boats, reached its maximum in 1924 with \$176,175 when there were five junk inspectors, and that in 1929 when there were seven inspectors it had dropped to \$166,338. In the former year, however, there were 15,770 boats paying licence fees and 4,365 junks (exclusive of foreign trading junks which pay a reduced fee based on the number of trips to Hong Kong). In 1929 the figures were 17,362 and 4,003 respectively. A junk is larger than a boat and pays a higher fee; on the other hand it takes just as much time to collect the fee from a boat as it does from a junk. Also the average size of the boats paying fees (which vary according to the size of boat) had diminished in the period 1924-29. The conclusion that follows is that approximately the same amount of revenue has had to be collected from a greater number of vessels. That the appointment of junk inspectors is a paying proposition is also borne out by the following statistics:—

In 1921 the Yaumati Jung Office was taken over by the Harbour Office from the Police. The revenue collected by this office rose from \$3,048 in 1920 to \$18,000 in 1921. On August 1, 1923, the Shaukiwan Junk Office was taken over. The revenue rose from \$16,886 in 1922 to \$22,945 in 1924, (the first full year under the Harbour Office). In 1926 Aberdeen was taken over with the result that the revenue rose from \$13,571 in 1925 to \$16,513 in 1926. The initial salary of an Assistant Junk Inspector is \$2,000. In face of these facts Government feels that to adopt the recommendation of the Commission would only result in an equal, if not greater, falling off in the revenue. They are prepared however to meet the views of the Commissioners to the extent that the post of Assistant Chief Junk Inspector will be left vacant experimentally on a vacancy occurring. Confiscation of a junk or boat, usually the sole means of livelihood of the owner, for failure to pay a licence fee of a few dollars, would be regarded as excessively harsh treatment.

6.—The Government Marine Surveyors' Department shows the most notable increase in personnel. In 1923 the authorised establishment of European Surveyors was four. In 1925 it was increased to six; in 1927 to eight, and it is now fourteen. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, understaffing. Witnesses both from the department itself and from shipping firms stated that the work in former years was "skimpily" done. Secondly, the size of the Hong Kong Government fleet of world-wide certificates, which could only be secured through prior recognition by the Board of Trade. A representative of the Board of Trade has been invited to England at the request of the Hong

Kong Government, and as a result of his recommendations, published as Sessional Paper No. 5 of 1927, an increase in surveyors from eight to fourteen was authorised. It should here be remarked that for general purposes there are three classes of Passenger Certificate issued; Class III for river steamers, Class I for coastal trade and Class IA for world-wide trade. It was recognition of the last that was sought. When the Board of Trade's representative was in the Colony, he expressly stated that the Board was not concerned with the Hong Kong Class I and Class III certificates. The increase of six surveyors was therefore *prima facie* for Class IA survey work.

7.—In 1930 ten ships were surveyed for this class of certificate and the fees collected by Government in respect thereof were \$13,000. There seems to be small prospect of any marked increase in the future in the number of ships taking out Class IA certificates. To maintain an additional six European surveyors for ten ships would be the height of extravagance. But in fact the six surveyors were not wholly for the IA certificate survey work.

8.—At the time when the Board of Trade's representative was making his investigations the Harbour Master considered that his staff of eight surveyors was insufficient for the ordinary work of the department. The Board's representative included in his recommendations extra staff sufficient to cover the requirements of the Harbour Master, fearing that if this were not done, the extra surveyors engaged primarily for IA certificate work would be taken from this work and employed on the ordinary work of the department.

9.—The Commissioners consider that the Harbour Master was wrong in his estimate of the staff requirements of the Government Marine Surveyors' department; and that as a result of his wishes having been met the department is now over-staffed. The Commissioners do not advocate the abandonment of the IA certificate, but they are of the opinion—after having heard expert evidence of a number of witnesses both from the Government Marine Surveyors' staff and private ship-owners and surveyors' firms—that a reduction can safely be made from fourteen surveyors to ten without the efficient carrying out of the surveys of ships for IA certificates being in any way jeopardised. The posts of Draughtsman and two Tapemen should also be abolished.

Government's Comment.
Paragraphs 6-9.—It has been decided that, on the retirement next year of the Government Marine Surveyor, there is to be no recruitment to fill the vacancy that will result. The question of further reductions is still under consideration. Singapore, which has recently followed the example of Hong Kong in seeking world-wide recognition for its class IA passenger certificates, has been asked for information as to the details of the staff of its Marine Surveyors' Office and of the work done. It must however be remembered that it was at the special request of this Government that the Board of Trade sent out a representative to report on the staffing of the Government Marine Surveyors' Department, with a view to the recognition by the Board of Trade of the Hong Kong class IA passenger certificate, and that if the Government is not prepared to accept the recommendations of the Board of Trade's representative, a not unnatural result would be for the Board of Trade to withdraw its recognition from the Hong Kong certificate. That is a contingency which this Government would not be prepared to accept.

10.—It was said in the opening paragraph that too rigorous regulations may discourage shipping from using this port. An instance of this occurs in the case of surveys of coastal ships. Hong Kong has as yet no regulations of its own for these, for the promulgation of which provision is made in section 10 (8) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance. Draft regulations have been drawn up and are being considered by the Marine Surveyors' department. Meanwhile, however, an attempt is being made to raise the standard required by coastal ships to that required by the Board of Trade at home. Were the Marine Surveyors' Department not over-staffed it is probable that this would not have occurred. Public attention of the Hong Kong Regulations should be made as soon as possible.

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Government's Comment.
Paragraph 11.—In 1929 there were inspected only twenty-five non-passenger-carrying launches; and of these twenty-five only those built of wood were surveyed twice yearly. It would hardly be worth-while to hand over to private surveyors the inspection of twenty-five launches out of a total of over 400. Government does not feel able to accept the certificates of private surveyors in respect of passenger-carrying launches.

12.—The Commissioners were struck by the inadequate scale of the fees charged for ship surveys of various kinds. Whilst they do not consider that it should be the policy of Government to make a profit out of the Government Marine Surveyors' department, they do consider that the fees charged should bear some relation to the cost of running the department. With this recommendation it is understood the Harbour Master agrees. To do this it will be necessary to price-cost the department—this the Harbour Master should undertake under expert Treasury supervision, and the Government should then fix the fees proportionately. Where work is done for foreign non-local firms the fees should be sufficiently high to ensure that the cost of the services rendered will be more than covered.

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Paragraph 14.—No overtime is worked except on special request from dockyards, agents, or owners. The amount of fee payable to the officer was fixed by the Salaries Commission.

15.—Summarised: the reductions amount to eight Europeans out of a total of thirty-three, or about 24 per cent. This does not include the reduction in the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, which would bring the figure up to 31 per cent. The reductions in the Asiatic Staff are limited to the clerical staff being the only branch in which there has been any increase.

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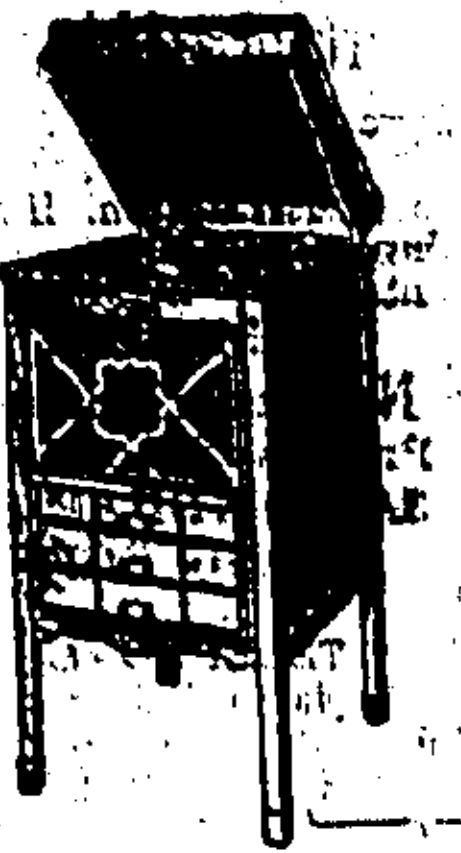
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ENTRIES close at 12 o'clock Noon on THURSDAY, 14th April, 1932.

By Order, S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th April, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, April 13, to Tuesday, April 19, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

WM. POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 21st April 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February 1932 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board, W. L. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

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W. RICHARDSON, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong, April 5th, 1932.

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WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that we have This Day REMOVED our Office to Alexandra Building, Top Floor.

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"VAMPIRE" WRITES TO POLICE.

Murders the Wrong Girl.

RIGHT ONE MUST PAY.

Strasbourg has been startled by another letter written by a murderer who seems to be imitating the methods of Peter Kurten, the Dusseldorf murderer, who sent anonymous letters to the police announcing his crimes. The unknown killer has now come to be known as "the Vampire of Schiltigheim." His recent note to the police discovering the body of Mile. Suzanne Meyer, a Strasbourg typist, who had been buried in a cemetery in a suburb. She had been strangled.

A new note to the police from the "Vampire," written half in French and half in German, declares that the wrong girl was murdered. The murderer announces that in the next few days another girl whom he names will be murdered. This note is written in the same scrawl as the letter which indicated the spot where Mile. Meyer's body was buried. —British United Press.

WAR ON GUNMEN.

Four Australian States Combine.

Sydney (N.S.W.).

Four States—Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and West Australia—have begun a war on the gunmen. The carrying of weapons by unauthorised persons has been made a criminal offence.

Hundreds of revolvers have been seized in raids on gangsters' haunts. Police are urging the withdrawal of permits to carry arms and the surrender of all firearms now in the possession of citizens.

One notorious criminal, for whom the police had been searching for years, was recently rounded up with his gang. All had heavy German pistols. When arrested the "wanted" man was practising revolver shooting and had a target on a tree in the bush. —British United Press.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havana Maru	Wed.	20th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.	17th Apr.
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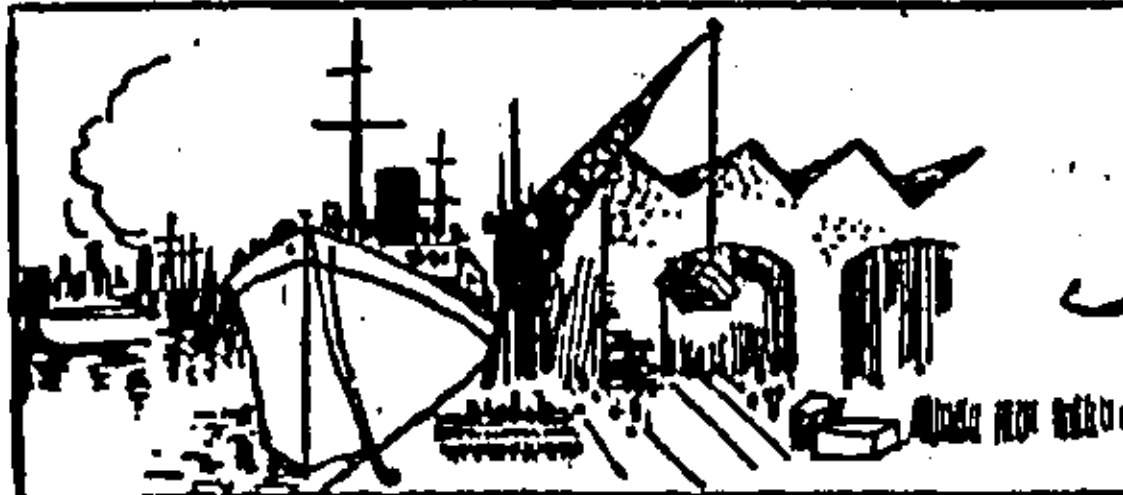
SAILING DATES FOR APRIL, 1932 (Subject to Change).
 DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
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Thursday, April 7.
 Halvard, British str., 1,217 tons, Capt. A. Hall, from Saigon, buoy No. B16.—Wo Fat Sing.
 Kweiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Hoihow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
 Tekekam, Chinese str., 806 tons, Capt. Lai Yee, from Hoihow, buoy No. B8.—Woo On & Co.
 Friday, April 8.
 Chak Sang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAlinsh, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—M. & Co.
 Hastine Marsk, Danish str., 3,199 tons, Capt. Mikkelson, from Manila, buoy No. A7.—Jebson & Co.
 Chenan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
 City of Derby, British str., 4,180 tons, Capt. H. R. Jackson, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—Bank Line.
 Glenogle, British str., 5,880 tons, Capt. W. E. Roberts, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
 Golden Mountain, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. H. B. Hansen, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Island.—States & Co.
 Grausteker, Dutch str., 5,167 tons, Capt. Gunthermohr, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.
 King Yuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. B18.—B. & S.
 Vogtland, German str., 4,200 tons, Capt. Christensen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Jebson & Co.
 Tjippana, Dutch str., 2,775 tons, Capt. L. E. J. Van Luyken, from Probolinggo, buoy No. A9.—J.C.J.L.
 Yuan On, Chinese str., 1,116 tons, Capt. O. Soovik, from Swatow, buoy No. C3.—C.M.S.N. & Co.
 Saturday, April 9.
 Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul from K.C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
 Taiyo Maru, Japanese str., 8,523 tons, Capt. N. Narui, from Los Angeles, buoy No. A3.—N.Y.K.
 Tergisteia, Italian str., 3,708 tons, Capt. Alberti, from Yokohama, buoy No. A2.—Dodwell & Co.
 Tinhow, British str., 3,164 tons, Capt. A. Scobie, from Swatow, Taikoo Dock.—Bank Line.
 Tonkin, French str., 906 tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from K.C. Wan, buoy No. C2.—M.M. & Co.
 Sunday, April 10.
 Chaksang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. Ainslie, from Canton, Stonecutters Anchorage.—J. M. & Co.
 Fooshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. S. O. Mitford, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J.M. & Co.
 Friesland, German str., 3,750 tons, Capt. O. Heintz, from Miri, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebson & Co.
 Helios, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Capt. T. Olsen, from Bangkok and Swatow, buoy No. B9.—Thoresen & Co.
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HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120° deg. E. 10h. is midnight, 12hrs is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

April 11 to 17, 1932.

Date	High Water Standard Ht. Times.	Low Water Standard Ht. Times.
Mon. 11	00 42 3.8 11 39 6.3	04 40 2.9 19 29 1.5
Tues. 12	01 40 3.4 12 10 6.4	04 36 3.1 20 40 1.5
Wed. 13	12 50 6.3 12 50 6.3	21 55 1.4 21 55 1.4
Thurs. 14	13 45 6.2 13 45 6.2	23 01 1.3 23 01 1.3
Fri. 15	15 05 5.9 16 54 5.0	23 56 1.1 00 40 4.1
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 Bruce—South wall.
 Cumberland—North arm.
 Folkestone—East wall.
 Hermes—West wall.
 Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
 Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
 Orpheus—East wall.
 Seamew—East wall.
 Tamar—Basin.
 Tarantula—No. 8 buoy.
 Veteran—North arm.
 Vindictive—No. 2 buoy.
 Whitehall—In dock.
 Whitshed—North arm.
 Witch—No. 13 buoy.
 Wren—North wall.
Foreign Men-of-War.
 Argus—French river gunboat.
 Chiang Ku—Chinese gunboat.
 Helena—American gunboat.
 Marne—French dispatch vessel.
 On Pak—Chinese gunboat.
 Pecos—American fuel ship.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 2 p.m., left Shanghai to-day at 11 a.m., and is due at Kobe on April 13 (Wed.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Kobe on April 13 (Wed.) at 4 p.m., and Yokohama on April 15 (Friday) at 4 p.m., for Vancouver via Honolulu on April 15 (Friday) at 3 p.m.

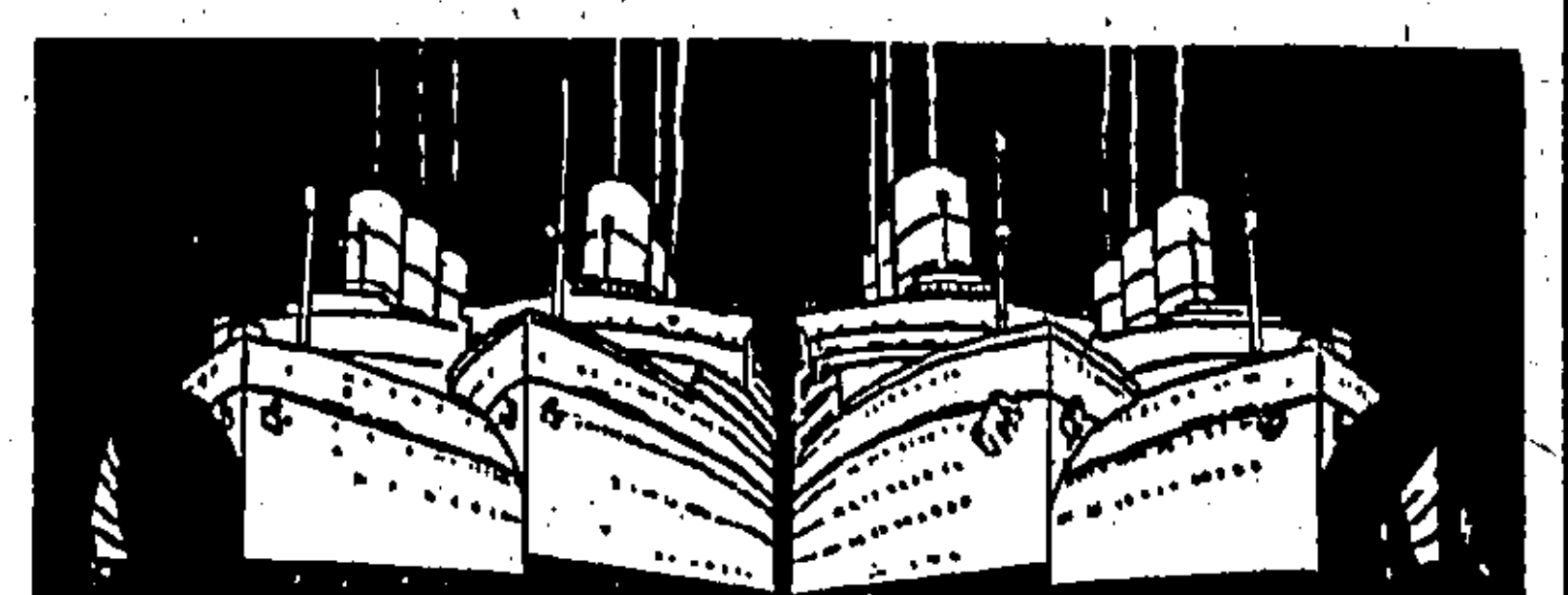
The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia, arrived at Nagasaki yesterday at 5.30 a.m., left Nagasaki yesterday at noon, and is due at Shanghai to-day at 4 p.m. She leaves for Hong Kong to-morrow at noon.

The B.L. s.s. Talamba left Kobe for this port on April 7, a.m., and is due here on April 12, a.m.

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ARRIVALS.

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Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6	June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25	July 4	July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4	July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19	July 19
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 23	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 16	Aug. 16
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 13	Sept. 13
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 26	Sept. 26
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11	Oct. 11
Emp. of Russia	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24
Emp. of Japan	Oct. 21	Oct. 24	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 8	Nov. 8
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 21	Nov. 21
Emp. of Canada	Nov. 18	Nov. 21	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 1	Dec. 6	Dec. 6

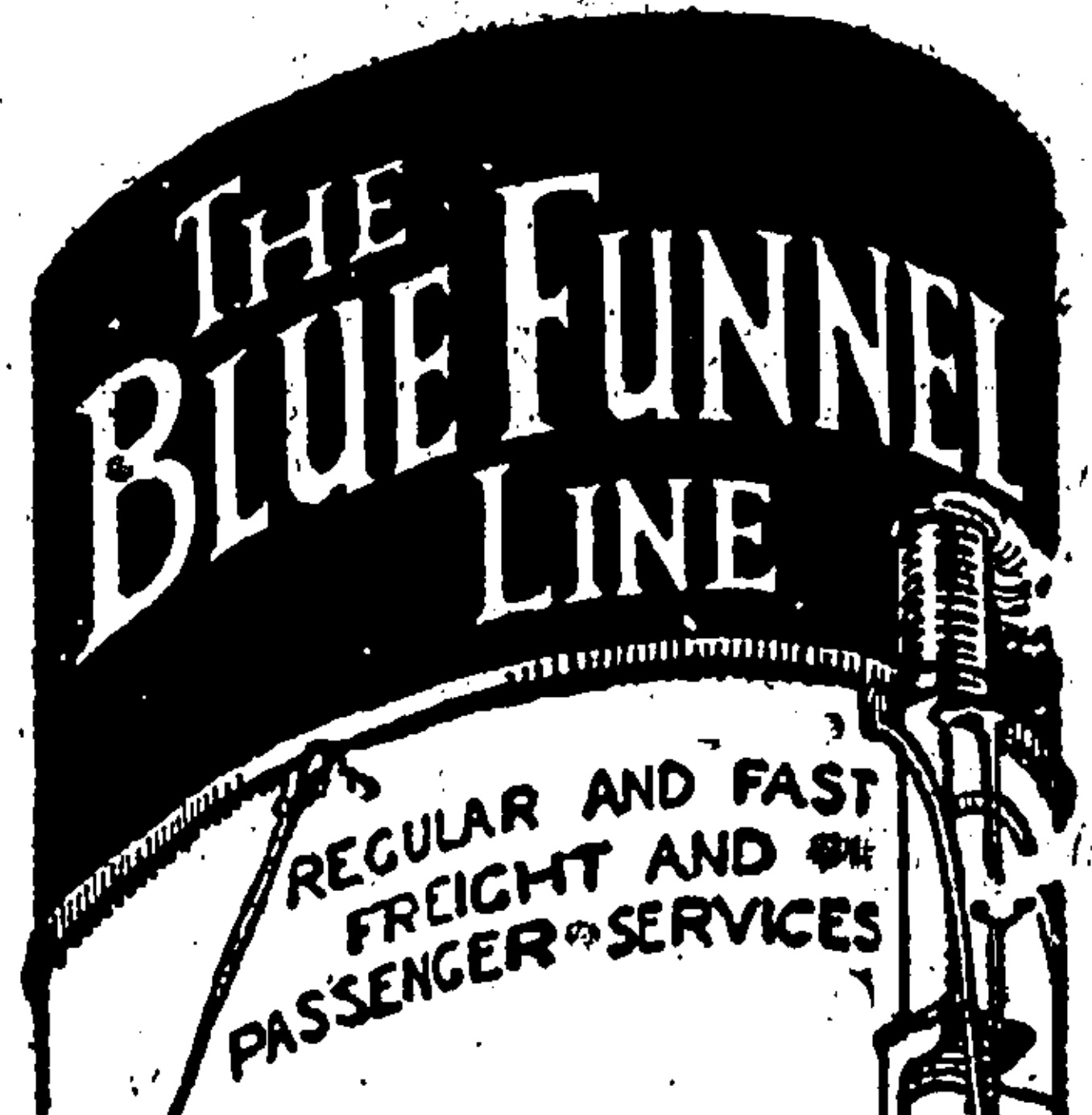
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CHANGTAE	Apr. 12	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	May 8
TAIPING	May 10	May 20	May 22	June 8
CHANGTAE	June 10	June 20	June 22	July 8
TAIPING	July 12	July 22	July 24	Aug. 10

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Retrenchment Commission's Recommendations

(Continued from Page 7.)

16.—The Harbour Department is a revenue producing one. As already indicated all its separate sub-departments, Marine Surveyors, Junk Inspectors, the Slipway, etc., should be separately price-costed so as to show the true relation between receipts and expenditure, in order that it can be seen from direct and reliable records exactly how money is received and expended.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 16.—The Harbour Department is primarily a department to control and regulate vessels and shipping in the harbour, and only secondarily a revenue producing one. It would in Government's opinion be most unwise to reverse this order.

Licence Fees (Boats and Junks, 1921-1929).

	Boats.	Junks.	Total	No. of Junk Inspectors.
1921	\$102,427	\$46,910	\$149,337	4
1922	106,539	52,910	159,449	4
1923	111,600	55,634	167,234	5
1924	118,176	57,999	176,175	5
1925	119,153	51,458	170,611	5
1926	115,406	52,103	167,509	6
1927	114,380	52,390	166,770	7
1928	115,498	49,954	165,452	7
1929	116,604	49,729	166,333	7

Attorney General's Office.
Numerically the smallest of the Government Departments, consisting as it does of the Attorney General and the Stenographer. The time of the Attorney General is fully occupied with the drafting of legislation, and the answering of the multifarious legal conundrums that come to him as principal law officer of the Government. The work of Director of Public Prosecutions falls largely to the lot of the Assistant. Not only does he usually appear for the Crown in criminal cases at the Sessions and in important preliminary hearings before the Magistrates, but he daily devotes some hours to acting as legal adviser to the Police Department. No reductions are therefore recommended.

Government's Comment.
It is proposed to effect an economy not mentioned by the Commissioners by replacing the Assistant Attorney General by a Cadet Officer with legal training in 1932. Registry, Supreme Court; Crown Solicitor; Land Office; and Official Receiver.

These four legal departments are taken together because there has always been a certain amount of interchange of officers between them: Deputy Registrars of the Supreme Court have acted as Official Receivers, Land Officers as Crown Solicitors, and Assistant Crown Solicitors as Deputy Registrars, etc.—The Commissioners recommend that this principle be adhered to, and that the officers of these four departments should be regarded as transferable from one department to another as the exigencies of the service require. This will be of particular importance where home leave arrangements are concerned. Each of the four departments, however, does different work, and the Commissioners are satisfied that there is little, if any, overlapping. A certain amount is unavoidable, for it is difficult, particularly for a non-legal department to say exactly where, for example, the jurisdiction of the Crown Solicitor ends, and that of the Land Office begins.

2.—The Registry staff consists of the Registrar, one Deputy Registrar, one European Accountant, three bailiffs and fourteen Asiatic interpreters and clerks. The Supreme Court Ordinance No. 8 of 1873 provides for a Registrar and two Deputies. Formerly there were two Deputies, one of whom performed the duties of accountant. The Commissioners consider that the present arrangement of one Deputy only and a European accountant, should be continued. There are vacant the posts of one Class III officer of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff and one Stenographer. These posts should be abolished and the approved establishment correspondingly reduced.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 2.—The recommendation regarding the Deputy Registrar has been adopted and the necessary amending ordinance to the Supreme Court Ordinance, substituting the words "one or more" for "two" Deputy Registrars passed in its third reading on September 6 last. There are no vacant Senior

Clerical and Accounting Staff posts. One is filled by the Accountant, one by the clerk to the Chief Justice, and the stenographer has been replaced by a Confidential Assistant and Stenographer.

3.—The Crown Solicitor has nominally two assistants but as often as not one is seconded to another department. The duties of the Crown Solicitor and his assistant or assistants are wide, for there is not a Government department that does not at some time or other seek his advice. That the work is so well done is largely due to the zeal and long hours of overtime put in by the present holder of the post. There are three Chinese clerks, the same number that there was '10

duties of the post were frequently performed by the Registrar of the Supreme Court. The Commissioners recommend that, when in three years' time, the present holder retires the post should not be filled, but that the duties of it should be performed by the Registrar. In the event of there being an abnormal increase in the number of bankruptcies it would be more economical to engage on a temporary basis a solicitor either locally or from home.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 3.—The Commissioners do not appear to have taken into account the important work done by the Official Receiver as Registrar of Trade Marks. The revenue from this is in the neighbourhood of \$11,000 per annum, and is expected to be almost doubled with the recently increased fees. Fees in respect of bankruptcy proceedings reached the then highest total of \$7,837 in 1926, a year of many business failures. For the first three months only of this year the figure was \$8,892. These figures are mentioned not as an excuse for retaining the post of Official Receiver on the grounds that it is a means of obtaining more revenue, but show that unless there is the substantive post, bankruptcy work is bound to be neglected to the inconvenience of the community. It is properly work for which a Government is expected to provide. The position will however be reviewed on the retirement of the present holder.

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Few clubs have as exclusive a membership as the Master Mariners' Club of Southampton. Even if you are an admiral you cannot be a member unless you hold a master's "ticket." Two admirals did, in fact, apply for membership—Earl Jellicoe and Sir Roger Keyes. The best the club could do for them was to make them "stowaways." The club came into existence four years ago, when Commander A. H. Raymer, Senior Nautical Surveyor of the Board of Trade, called together sixteen old "salties" to discuss the idea. They found that all of them held the old "sail and steam" master's certificate. They decided that none but masters of the Merchant Service—though not necessarily in sail and steam—should be admitted to their ranks.

"The Old Whales."
To-day 500 masters of many nationalities claim membership of the club. One of them is Herr Ziegenblen, commander of the Bremen; another is Sir Walter Runciman, the 84-year-old shipping owner, who sailed in full-rigged craft over 60 years ago. Two exceptions only have been made to the club's hard and fast rule—the Rev. F. A. W. Wilkinson, who is hon. chaplain, and Mr. R. R. Gleave, the hon. recorder.

At the first meeting of the old sailors they decided they must have a second name for their club. One said, "Well, we are old whales," so they called themselves "The Cachalots," which are the best kind of whales. Now the president of the club, Commander Raymer, is

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	Mar. 31, 1932.	June, 1932.	1913.	1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Butcher Meat.				
Best Sirloin	1b. 34	24	12	
Prime Cut	" 80	23	11	
Cornd	" 40	23	12	
Roast	" 34	24	22	
Breast	" 32	20	18	
Soup	" 28	20	18	
Steak	" 34	24	22	
Steak Sirloin	" 46	30	35	
Sauces	" 36	28	30	
Buhead's Brains	per set 17	10	12	
Tongue, fresh	each 80	50	60	
Tongue, corned	" 1.00	60		
Head	" 1.60	—	12.20	
Heart	lb. 34	18	14	
Hump, Salt	" 20	18		
Feet	each 15	10	12	
Kidneys	" 15	10	12	
Tail	" 27	20	22	
Liver	lb. 28	13	14	
Tripes	" 8	6	7	
Calves Head & Feet	ret. \$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Mutton Chop	lb. 60	26	—	
Leg	" 60	26	—	
Shoulder	" 60	24	—	
Saddle	" 60	—	—	
Pigs' Chittlings	per set 4	—	—	
Brains	lb. 16	15	—	
Feet	" 30	15	18	
Fry	" 20	20	—	
Head	each 13	10	10	
Heart	" 15	10	8	
Kidneys	lb. 58	80	24	
Liver	" 38	25	23	
Pork Chop	" 40	—	—	
Leg	" 44	60	70	
Loins	" 25	21	—	
Fat or Lard	per set 90	60	70	
Sheep's Head & Feet	each 13	8	7	
Heart	" 15	10	10	
Kidneys	" 45	24	25	
Liver	lb. 35	18	22	
Sucking Pigs, to order	" 34	20	18	
Suet, Beef	" 55	26	26	
Mutton	" 45	20	20	
Veal	" 28	—	—	
Sauces	" 38	—	—	
Na. 1	" 38	—	—	

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Fish.				
Barbel	lb. 52	16	24	
Bream	" 32	20	16	
Canton Fresh Water	" 32	—	—	
Carp	" 34	13	16	
Catfish	" 32	16	27	
Codfish	" 30	12	9	
Croaks	" 58	16	24	
Cuttle Fish	" 22	23	26	
Dab	" 26	16	37	
Dace	" 48	23	16	
Dog Fish	" 20	10	—	
Eels, Conger	" 68	10	8	
Flat Fish	" 76	16	—	
Fresh Water	" 52	10	8	
Frogs	" 1.00	26	30	
Garcopa	" 90	32	25	
Gougeon	" 22	40	30	
Herrings	" 26	22	18	
Halibut	" 36	18	23	
Labrus	" 35	18	15	
Loach	" 36	22	13	
Lobsters	" 60	62	24	
Mackerel	" 44	32	21	
Mullet	" 46	20	20	
Monk Fish	" 36	12	2	
Mullet	" 45	12	2	
Oysters	" 25	14	9	
Parrot Fish	" 26	30	15	
Pike	" 42	16	9	
Plaice	" 50	30	29	
Pomfrit, White	" 62	33	30	
Pomfrit, Black	" 43	36	45	
Prawns	" 38	10	14	
Ray	" 24	10	14	
Rock Fish	" 23	13	18	
Roach	" 33	22	10	
Saimon	" 64	86	80	
Shark	" 20	8	10	
Skate	" 20	10	10	
Shrimps	" 38	33	30	
Snapper	" 46	33	30	
Soles	" 50	22	28	
Tench	" 42	20	58	
Turbot	" 40	12	12	
Turtles, small fr. water	" 1.55	12	12	

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Poultry.				
Chicken	lb. 62	30	31	
Capons, Small	" 62	28	30	
Capons, Large	" 64	28	30	
Duck	" 45	22	21	
Doves	each 22	21	—	
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	per doz. 38	18	—	
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	" 40	25	20	
Fowls, Canton	lb. 72	36	24	
Fowls, Hainan	" 58	35	24	
Geese	" 60	24	24	
Pigeons, Canton	each 60	80	—	
Quail	each 44	29	—	
Turkeys, Cook	lb. 80	—	—	
Turkeys, Hen	" 70	61	45	
Snipe	each 30	—	—	
Pheasant	pair 2.50	—	—	
Quail	each 50	—	—	
Partridges	" 1.20	—	—	

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Fruits.				
Almonds	lb. 1.20	35	—	
Apples (California)	" 24	26	—	
Bananas (bridge)	" 6	4	—	
Carambola	" 12	—	—	
Cocoanuts	each 14	10	10	
Lemons, China	lb. 24	25	30	
Lemons (American)	each 12	8	—	
Lichees, Dried	lb. 1.00	25	30	
Oranges (Canton)	" 28	—	—	
Oranges	" 22	—	15	
Pears (Canton)	" 30	—	—	
Peanuts	" 14	10	12	
Paradise, Large	" 12	—	—	
Plantain	" 8	—	—	
Pumpkin, Steam	each 15	12	6	
Walnuts	lb. 80	—	16	
Grapes	" 12	—	—	

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Vegetables, &c.				
Artichokes	each 18	—	2	
Beans, Sprout	lb. 6	—	7	
" Long	" 12	—	8	
Beet Root	" 12	—	—	
Bitter Squash	" 8	24	—	
Brijals, Green	" 8	5	8	
" Red	" 6	5	8	
Cabbage, Chinese	" 10	—	—	
(Shanghai)	" 12	12	—	
Cane Shoots, bunch	" 4	—	—	
Caiflower (Large)	each 25	—	—	
" (Medium)	" 20	—	—	
" (Small)	" 16	6	6	
Carrots	lb. 6	5	6	
Celery, Chinese	" 12	10	6	
Chiffies, Dried	" 18	25	5	
" Red	" 60	10	10	
" Green	" 30	8	12	
Curry Stuff, English	" 10	8	—	
Cucumbers	" 6	6	—	
Garlic	" 6	6	—	
Ginger, Young	" 10	7	—	
" Old	" 8	20	—	
Komradish, Shanghai	" 60	8	4	
Indian Corn	each 8	45	—	
Lettuce	lb. 6	1	—	
Water Chestnuts	" 12	—	8	
" Mandarin	" 14	—	—	
Mushrooms, Fresh	" 1	10	—	
Okraes	" 10	8	8	
Onions, Bombay	" 6	4	6	
" Green	" 8	6	—	
" Shanghai	" 35	60	8	
Parley	" 5	8	—	
Potato, Sweet	" 5	8	—	
" Japanese	" 8	—	—	
" American	" 8	3	—	
Pumpkin	" 5	4	4	
Radish	" 80	—	10	
Rhubarb (Fresh)	" 8	—	8	
Shallots	" 6	8	—	
Spinach	" 12	4	—	
Tomatoes	" 6	7	—	
Taro	" 6	6	—	
Turpie, Punt (Long)	" 15	15	—	
Vegetable Marrow	" 4	—	—	
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Water Lily, Root	" 6	15	—	

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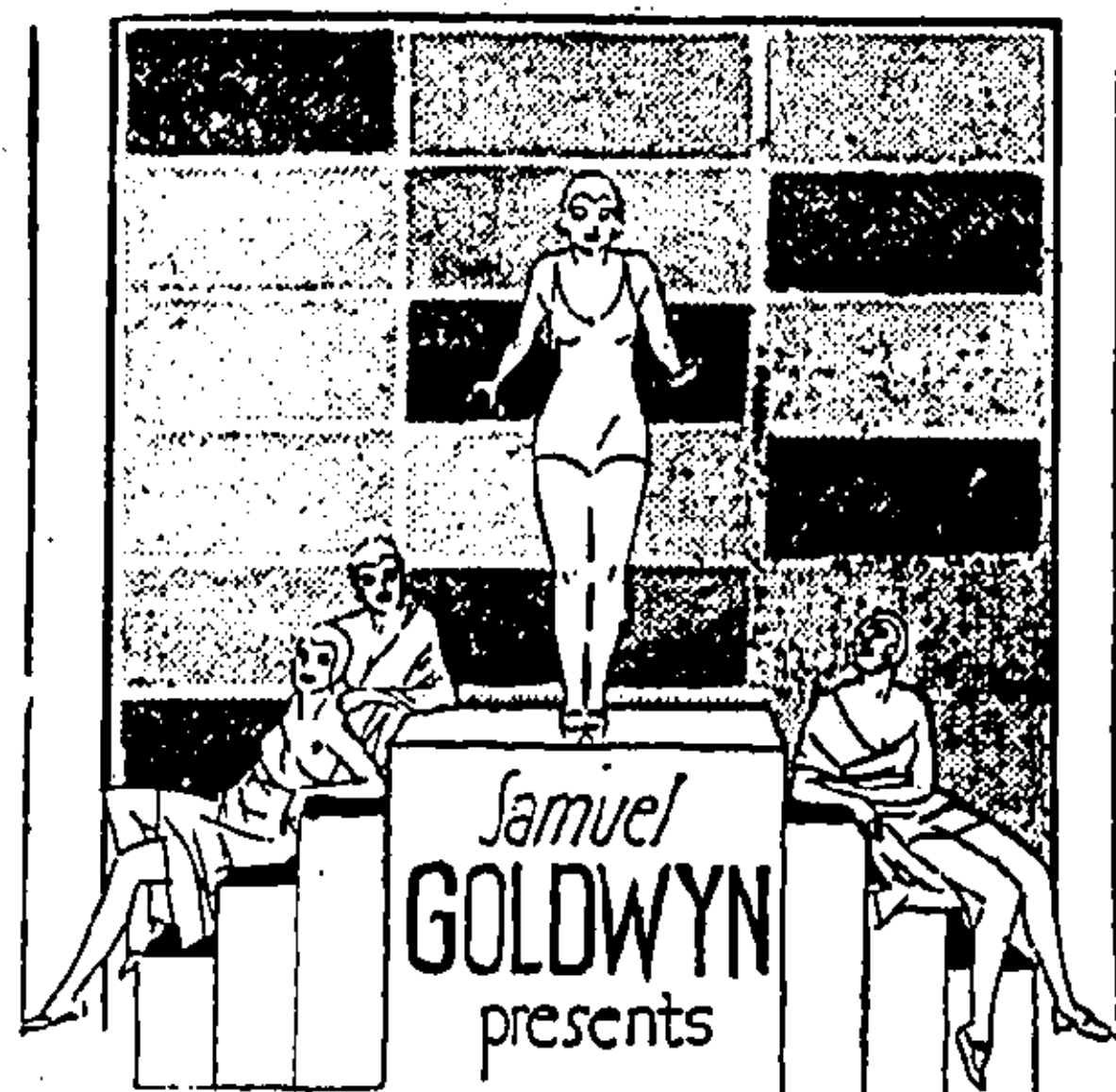
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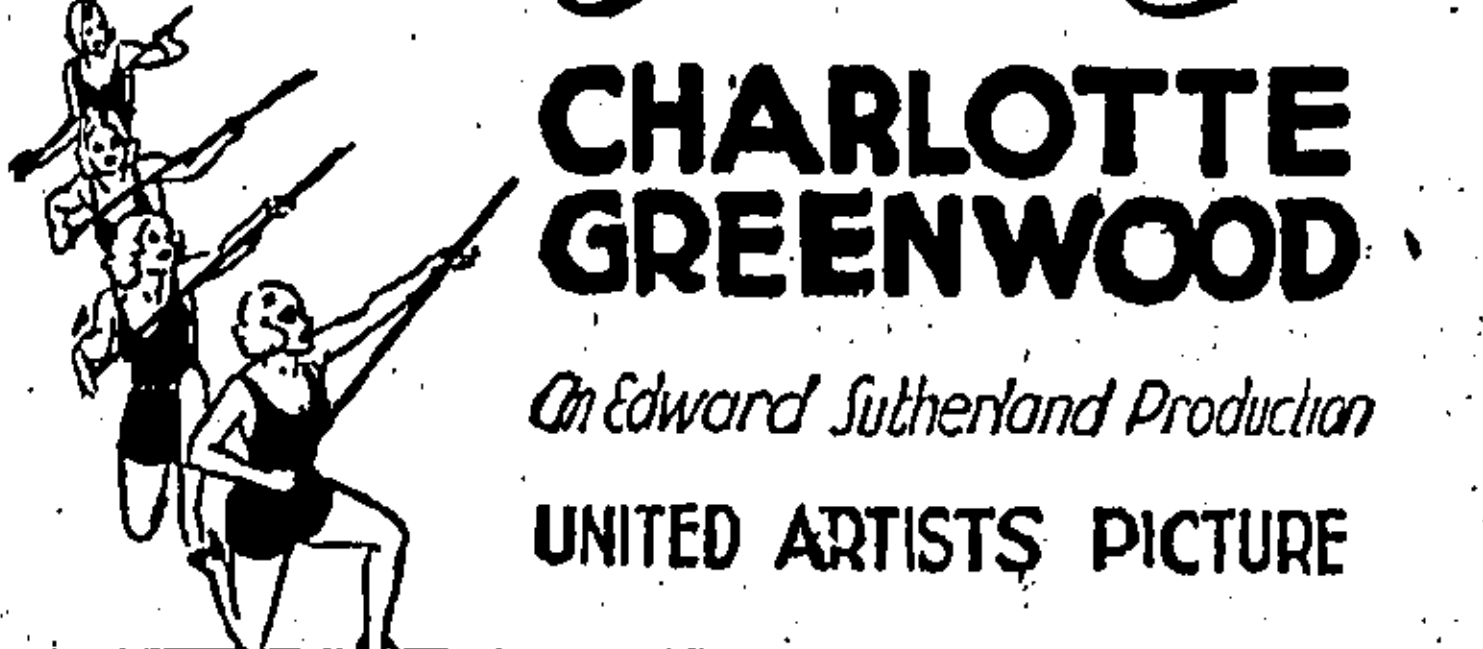
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To English Wife of Indian.

Calcutta.

An Englishwoman who was married to an Indian at the Register Office in Hastings, Sussex, on August 16, 1928, has just been granted a divorce in a Calcutta Court.

Mr. J. C. Sett, appearing for the woman, Mrs. Muriel Frances Ghosh, said she married Anil Nath Ghosh, of Old Post Office Street, at Hastings. They lived in England for nine months, then came out to Calcutta.

Mrs. Ghosh, he said, was given to understand in England that she would live in India in European style. Some time after the arrival in Calcutta the husband began to be indifferent to his wife.

In July 1929, a son was born. After this event the husband's treatment of the wife became worse. It was alleged that he had committed misconduct and had treated his wife cruelly.

Mr. Ghosh did not contest the suit. Mrs. Ghosh was granted a decree nisi and given the custody of the child.—British United Press.

TRADE FLYING.

German Seaplane on World Tour.

Cologne.

In the presence of thousands of spectators the German airman Flight-captain Bertram, with a second pilot, a mechanic and film operator, took off from the Rhine at Cologne in the seaplane Atlantis on a flight to the Far East.

The flight is undertaken mainly for the purpose of commercial propaganda—as Captain Bertram said, "To demonstrate in Asia that even under the present catastrophic conditions German capacity for work is not paralysed."

The projected route is by way of Friedrichshafen, Greece, Bagdad, Bombay, Colombo, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Java, the North Australian coast, New Guinea, and back to Borneo and China.

The Atlantis is a similar 'plane to the Bremen, in which Kohl, Hunsfeld and Fitzmaurice crossed the North Atlantic.—Exchange.

IN DISGUISE.

Bandit Chief As An "Old Lady."

Nice.

An unconfirmed story about Andre Spada, the most elusive and daring of Corsica's hunted bandits, and an English girl, is being told in Nice.

Spada, it is stated, who has been sought by the police in Corsica since the French sent their punitive expedition there last November, is being harboured by the English girl, who is said to live on a farm not far from Calvi, in the north of the island.

The girl is said to be living with two old "ladies," one of whom is suspected of being the Corsican chief in disguise.—British United Press.

THE MODERN BANDIT CARES NOT FOR SIZE.

Anything from a Church to a Rail Engine.

AUSTRALIAN MENACE.

Sydney (N.S.W.).

Size does not deter the modern Australian bandit. Here are some examples of his work:

At Moscheto Island, near Newcastle, men were arrested for pulling down part of a church. They wanted to sell the fittings.

Twenty railway engines were left in a line at a Homebush siding. When officials visited the siding recently to inspect their rolling-stock they found all that was left of the engines were the frames.

In a neighbouring suburb a brick wall, 30 ft. long and 6 ft. high, was taken away.

Gas-stoves, wash coppers, brass nozzles from fire hoses, lead cappings from roofs—all things, movable and everything that can be screwed or hacked from its fitting—go into the lorries of these heavy-weight thieves.—British United Press.

C.I.M. MEETING.

Direct Providential Guidance.

GROWTH OF CONVERSIONS.

The annual meeting of the China Inland Mission was held at Houldsworth Hall, Manchester, the Rev. W. H. Aldis presiding.

At the evening meeting the Rev. W. H. Warren mentioned that the original site for the mission in Shanghai had been taken 40 years ago, and by 1930 the premises and equipment were worn out. Meantime the value of the site had increased, and it was decided to sell it and remove elsewhere. A price was decided upon by a committee of missionaries, including the speaker.

They were advised by experts to accept a smaller price. Against this advice they held out for the original figure and eventually secured it. With the money so gained they were able to buy a new site and to build and equip a new station without having recourse to the general funds of the mission.

The speaker believed this to be an example of direct providential guidance which was the more wonderful as the old site at the present time was in the heart of the present hostilities, and, apart from being thus dangerously situated, could not be bought or sold at all. Miss C. F. Tippet, of North China, gave a number of instances of the growth of conversions among the Chinese.

"The world is very wicked and noisy."

This is how Mrs. Mary Ann Buxton, of the Wimbledon Almshouses, Wimbledon Common, summed up her impressions of life on her 101st birthday.

ROBOT DANCER.

Hollywood's Latest Partner.

Hollywood.

A robot dancing partner, with a motion picture camera for a head, is being used for dance-hall scenes in a new "talkie."

The automaton, electrically driven, is rigged up to do a fancy fox-trot, giving members of the audience the impression that they are dancing with the heroine.

The camera is mounted on a cast-iron base, in which are various rubber-tyred wheels on cam shafts. These can be adjusted for a waltz, fox-trot, tango, or for straight walking.

One wooden arm encircles the heroine's waist, while she holds on to another projecting, from the side of the camera. She lets the robot lead her like any human dancing partner.

60 GAMES AT ONCE.

Dr. Alekhine Wins 37 and Loses 6.

Paris.

Dr. Alexander Alekhine, chess champion of the world, played simultaneously 300 good chess players at 60 tables. Five players acted together at each table.

Dr. Alekhine won 37 of the matches, drew 17 and lost six.

Play lasted for ten hours, during which time Dr. Alekhine walked more than ten miles. Sometimes he drank hot black coffee and munched sandwiches, and always smoked cigarettes.

A match in which five French girls played against the champion resulted in a draw, as did that which Dr. Alekhine played against several of the best players of the British Chess Club of Paris.—British United Press.

THE BARBER TOLD!

The Baron's Secret to Lady's Maid.

Paris.

A bald and sensitive baron, his sweetheart, her maid, and an indiscreet hairdresser are the characters in a comedy which is to come before the law courts.

The lady's maid goes to the same hairdresser as the baron. In conversation with him she learned that the baron wore three wigs—one long, one moderately short, and the third very short—resembling the natural stages of the growth of real hair. She mentioned this to her mistress, who, though not particularly concerned, joked about it to the baron. The baron, very annoyed at the betrayal of his secret, has decided to sue the hairdresser on the ground that he disclosed professional secrets.—Central News.

WAR BOMBS EXPLODE.

Paris.

A dump of bombs collected from the battle-fields and stored at the roadside near Arras, exploded suddenly.

In the tremendous blast two men walking along the road were blown to pieces. A wall 50 yards distant collapsed.—Central News.

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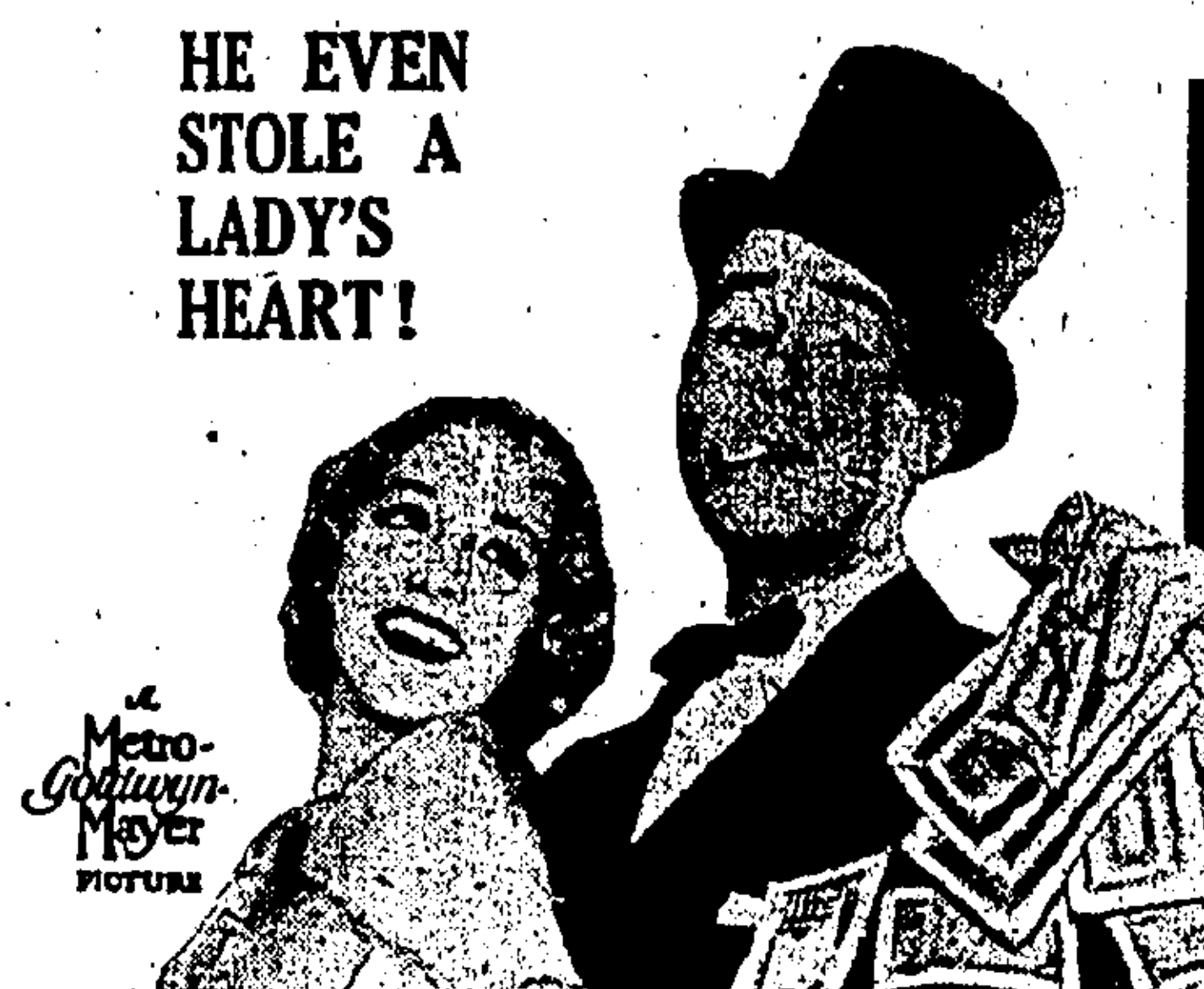


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